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Laurie Schwab



Robbie Dunn of Australia flies over Frank McAvennie of Scotland in their FIFA World Cup qualifier at Olympic Park in November 1985. Others in the picture, left to right: Graham Jennings, Paul McStay, Graeme Souness, Willie Miller, and Zarko Odjakov. Photograph: Les Shorrock.



Les Shorrock

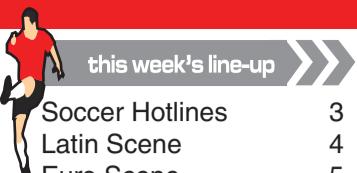
This major exhibition is based on the Les Shorrock and Laurie Schwab collections of photographs of football (soccer) in Australia and overseas held by Deakin University at its Waterfront campus in Geelong. There are also pictures from other professional and amateur photographers, including Goal! Weekly's Daniel Flis and Sydney Low.

The period covered is from the late nineteenth century to the present day.

In addition to 121 still photographs arranged in 11 themes, there are 50 more in a video loop.

The exhibition illustrates the playing, organisational and social history of the game in this country, from the grass roots to the appearances of the Socceroos at the World Cup finals in Germany in 1974 and 2006.

Arranged to coincide with Australia's participation in the final tournament in South Africa in 2010, this is an unrivalled opportunity to learn more about the history of the global game in Australia. A catalogue of the exhibition including a short history of the game will be available.



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Pim announces World Cup squad

Qantas Socceroos Head Coach Pim Verbeek announced his preliminary squad for the 2010 FIFA World Cup which begins in South Africa next month.

Qantas Airways CEO Alan Joyce and FFA CEO Ben Buckley were also on hand at the unveiling which occurred at the Qantas Jet Base in Sydney in front of the "Qantas Socceroos" Boeing 747 aircraft which will fly the team to Johannesburg for the tournament.

Fourteen of the players selected were involved in the Qantas Socceroos 2006 FIFA World Cup campaign including the captain Lucas Neill, Michael Beauchamp, Mark Bresciano, Tim Cahill, Scott Chipperfield, Jason Culina, Brett Emerton, Vincenzo Grella, Joshua Kennedy, Mark Milligan, Craig Moore, Harry Kewell, Mark Schwarzer, and Luke Wilkshire.

It will potentially be the first FIFA World Cup finals appearance for Nick Carle, David Carney, Adam Federici, Richard Garcia, James Holland, Brett Holman, Mile Jedinak, Brad Jones, Shane Lowry, Jade North, Scott McDonald, Nikita Rukavytsya, Carl Valeri, Dario Vidosic, Rhys Williams and 18-year old Tommy Oar who was the NAB Young Footballer of the Year at the conclusion of the Hyundai A-League 2009/10 season.

Although not officially included in the

list of 30-names that will be submitted to FIFA, Adelaide United's Eugene Galekovic will also join the squad as a standby goal keeper.

As per FIFA regulations, Verbeek will name his final squad of 23 players on Saturday 1st June in South Africa.

The Qantas Socceroos will assemble in Melbourne on Wednesday 19th May to commence their preparations for their farewell match against the New Zealand All Whites at the MCG on Monday 24th May. The Qantas Socceroos will then depart for Johannesburg on Wednesday 26th May on the special Qantas "Socceroos" Boeing 747 flight out of Melbourne. As part of their final preparations for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, the Qantas Socceroos will play international friendly matches against Denmark and the United States of America (USA) on the 1st and 5th June, respectively, at Ruimsig Stadium near Johannesburg.

The Qantas Socceroos have been drawn in Group D for the 2010 FIFA World Cup and will face Germany in their opening match of the tournament on Sunday 13th June in Durban, followed by matches against Ghana on Saturday 19th June and then Serbia on Wednesday 23rd June. Should the Qantas Socceroos place in the top two positions of Group D at the end of the first phase of the competition, they will play their next opponent from

Group C (England, USA, Algeria or Slovenia) in the Round of 16 on either Saturday 26th June (Rustenburg) or Sunday 27th June (Mangaung/Bloemfontein).

Qantas Socceroos Upcoming Match Details

Qantas Socceroos v New Zealand

Monday 24 May 2010

Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria

Kick-Off time: 7:30pm AEST

Gates open: 5:30pm AEST

Tickets on-sale from Ticketek online (www.ticketek.com.au), by phone (132 849) or at a Ticketek agency.

Qantas Socceroos v Denmark

Saturday 1 June 2010

Ruimsig Stadium, Roodepoort, South Africa

Kick-Off time: 2:00pm SAST (10:30pm AEST)

Qantas Socceroos v USA

Saturday 5 June 2010

Ruimsig Stadium, Roodepoort, South Africa

Kick-Off time: 2:30pm SAST (10:30pm AEST)

2010 FIFA World Cup – Group D

Germany v Australia

Sunday 13 June 2010

Moses Mabhida Stadium, Durban

Kick-Off time: 8:30pm SAST (4:30am AEST)

Ghana v Australia

Saturday 19 June 2010

SOCCEROOS PRELIMINARY SQUAD FOR THE 2010 FIFA WORLD CUP

Player Club	A-International matches (goals)
Michael BEAUCHAMP Al-Jazira Club, UAE	19 (1)
Mark BRESCIANO Palermo, Italy	52 (11)
Tim CAHILL Everton, England	37 (18)
Nick CARLE Crystal Palace, England	11 (0)
David CARNEY FC Twente, Netherlands	22 (3)
Scott CHIPPERFIELD FC Basel, Switzerland	63 (12)
Jason CULINA Gold Coast United, Australia	46 (1)
Brett EMERTON Blackburn Rovers, England	72 (17)
Adam FEDERICI Reading FC, England	0 (0)
Eugene GALEKOVIC* Adelaide United, Australia	4 (0)
Richard GARCIA Hull City, England	5 (0)
Vincenzo GRELLA Blackburn Rovers, England	42 (0)
James HOLLAND AZ Alkmaar, Netherlands	4 (0)
Brett HOLMAN AZ Alkmaar, Netherlands	29 (1)
Mile JEDINAK Antalyaspor Kulubu, Turkey	9 (0)
Brad JONES Middlesbrough FC, England	1 (0)
Josh KENNEDY Nagoya Grampus, Japan	18 (6)
Harry KEWELL Galatasaray SK, Turkey	45 (13)
Shane LOWRY Aston Villa FC, England	0 (0)
Scott MCDONALD Middlesbrough FC, England	15 (0)
Mark MILLIGAN JEF United, Japan	9 (0)
Craig MOORE Uncontracted	47 (3)
Lucas NEILL Galatasaray SK, Turkey	53 (0)
Jade NORTH Tromsø, Norway	28 (0)
Tom OAR FC Utrecht, Netherlands	1 (0)
Nikita RUKAVYTSYA FC Twente, Netherlands	2 (0)
Mark SCHWARZER Fulham FC, England	73 (0)
Carl VALERI U.S. Sassuolo Calcio, Italy	19 (0)
Dario VIDOSIC FC Nurnberg, Germany	4 (0)
Luke WILKSHIRE FK Dinamo Moscow, Russia	40 (2)
Rhys WILLIAMS Middlesbrough FC, England	3 (0)

Royal Bafokeng Stadium, Rustenburg

Kick-Off time: 4:00pm SAST (12:00am AEST)

Australia v Serbia

Wednesday 23 June 2010

Mbombela Stadium, Nelspruit

Kick-Off time: 8:30pm SAST (4:30am AEST)

Joryeff deal angers O'Dell

By Craig MacKenzie

KYLE JORYEFF IS AT THE CENTRE OF A BITTER WRANGLE BETWEEN SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS AND SOUTH MELBOURNE AFTER STEPPING DOWN FROM THE GEORGIES SIDE THAT PLAYED SOUTH'S AT JOHN CAIN MEMORIAL PARK YESTERDAY.

George Cross coach Andy O'Dell claims that South Melbourne agreed terms with the English visa player and also made the sensational claim that Joryeff told him that Souths had agreed to pay him not to play against them.

The transfer window for Victorian Premier League players opens today when a number of deals are expected to go through.

But it's the Joryeff deal that has created the most controversy with George Cross officials considering lodging a formal complaint with Football Federation Victoria believing that Joryeff and Souths have brought the game into disrepute.

"It's disgraceful. When I came to this country South Melbourne was a big club but they're a little club now and maybe that's because of the way they treat rival clubs like us," said a clearly agitated O'Dell.

"I rang South Melbourne and told them that Kyle was not available, that he was a required player but they obviously went ahead and reached an agreement with him."

"I'm absolutely fuming. We've done

everything right by the player. We brought him out here and upheld all our agreements with him and he goes and shits in our faces.

"He was getting \$400 a game, okay. He came up to us and asked for more money and we agreed to give him \$600. He shook my hand. He shook the president's hand. Then three days later he phones me and tells me he's agreed terms with South Melbourne for \$800 and that they've agreed to pay him a week's wages not to play against them.

"Look at big Aki at Oakleigh. He understands what this is all about. He phoned me about Kyle and I told him that I wanted to keep him. Aki accepted that and that was the end of the matter.

"That's how you should act. That's how you should behave. That's a lesson that South Melbourne needs to learn as far as I'm concerned."

GW left a message with South Melbourne director of football Ange Dallas giving him the opportunity to respond to O'Dell's claims but we were unable to contact Dallas prior to going to press. Joryeff, signed in the off-season from Hampshire-based Andover FC, is a former England national futsal representative.

His departure follows that of another off-season import, English midfielder Steve Beck, who has dropped down two leagues to join State Two South-East outfit Dandenong City.

Beck's exit also left a bitter taste in



Save the last dance for me: Kyle Joryeff will most likely bid farewell to Georgies team-mates Barry Devlin (centre) and Trent Waterson after agreeing terms with South Melbourne.

O'Dell's mouth.

"He buggered off for an extra \$50 a game. He's another one. As far as we're concerned he owes our football club \$4600 for flights and an accommodation bond, he owes me \$1500 and he owes money to the assistant coach too."

"When these guys come over here I

make it very clear to them that they are coming to play for a year with George Cross. They all say yes, they all say they understand and then they go and do this to you. It makes me sick to my stomach, mate, it really does."

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I told you so



The Johnny Warren Exhibition at the National Museum in Canberra.

Photo: Roy Hay

Johnny Warren's immortal phrase, 'I told you so,' has been used as the title of a new exhibition of some of his huge collection of memorabilia, artefacts and football material at the National Museum in Canberra.

The exhibition also includes the shirt worn by Harry Williams at the World Cup in 1974 in Germany. Harry was the first player of Aboriginal descent to play football for Australia. Cheryl Salisbury, the most capped Australian women player is also represented by her Matildas' shirt.

top and there is material on the recent Homeless World Cup and other examples of the reach of the game in Australia.

The exhibition was launched by Johnny's brother Ross and it will run until 9 August. The Johnny Warren Foundation is having a fund raising dinner tonight in Melbourne and a major announcement will be made about the future of the Foundation which has developed a number of young elite players since it was set up.

By Roy Hay

The Central Coast Mariners have today announced the addition of Manly United Head Coach Phil Moss to the club's coaching staff as an Assistant to Head Coach Graham Arnold for the next three Hyundai A-League seasons, while current goalkeeping coach John Crawley will also take on an increased role with the club.

"We're delighted to welcome Phil to the club," said Mariners Executive Chairman Lyall Gorman.

"Phil has done an exceptional job during his time coaching in the NSW Premier League and has a strong pre-existing relationship with both Graham (Arnold)

Big Mac signs with Phoenix

FORMER Socceroos striker Dylan Macallister has signed with Wellington Phoenix FC for the Hyundai A-League 2010/11 season.

The 27-year-old comes to Wellington from the Central Coast Mariners, for whom he played 35 games and scored five goals during two seasons.

Macallister has represented Australia at under-17, under-23 and senior levels and played top-flight football in Norway before returning to Australia to join the Mariners in 2008.

Standing at an imposing 1.93m, Macallister will provide considerable size and strength to the Phoenix's frontline.

"We have been looking for a targetman and Dylan will really fit that bill," said

Phoenix chief executive Tony Pignata. "He's young but very experienced and has the quality and pedigree we've been looking for."

By his own high standards Macallister had a relatively disappointing last season for the Mariners but Pignata is adamant the big marksman will prove a great get for Ricki Herbert's Phoenix outfit.

"It's fair to say he probably didn't have the season he wanted in 2009/10 but we're confident he'll come here to Wellington and turn things around. He's got the ability and he's the sort of player that will fit in well with the team and the team balance and that'll allow him to play the sort of football we know he's capable of."

FFA names Host Cities and Stadiums



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Australia submitted a strong, compelling and unified bid for the 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup in Zurich during the week.

All levels of Australian Government are backing the bid with agreements reached on infrastructure and operational matters.

Ten host cities have been selected as part of the Bid under Australia's nationwide hosting proposal that will see FIFA World Cup matches in six states and territories.

Three new stadiums will be built and nine others upgraded and improved, should the Bid be successful, providing a \$2.8 billion infrastructure legacy for all sporting codes and generations to come.

New stadiums will be built in Perth, Canberra and Blacktown in Western Sydney underpinning a national infrastructure legacy for Australian sport prior to and following a FIFA World Cup.

The stadiums and host cities proposed for the FIFA World Cup were selected following a rigorous assessment process involving industry experts in the areas of sports architecture, engineering, cost

planning, security, transport and environment.

The leather-bound, 750-page Bid Book that contains Australia's hosting concept and all of the technical aspects of the Bid was submitted at FIFA's headquarters.

FFA chairman Frank Lowy, AC, said the completion of the Bid documentation was an exciting milestone in Australia's history.

"We're proud to be presenting to FIFA bid documents that highlight a technically brilliant bid supported by unified government funding and commitment at all levels," Lowy said.

"This nationwide hosting proposal means millions of sports fans across the country will be able to enjoy the biggest and most exciting sporting event in the world in wonderful new or upgraded stadiums in their own cities."

"The infrastructure investment will leave a legacy to all sporting codes in the nation before and after the FIFA World Cup for generations to come."

"This is our chance to shine and convince FIFA that Australia is the best place to stage the biggest single sporting event on earth," Minister for Sport Kate Ellis said.

"Australia's Bid Book reflects the expertise and enthusiasm that the world has come to expect from major events hosted in Australia."

"Announcing the cities and stadiums is another important milestone in our quest to host the single largest sporting event in Australia and bring all its benefits to the people of Australia."

The ten host cities are Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Gold Coast, Canberra, Newcastle, Geelong and Townsville.

The new stadiums include a 60,000-seat stadium on the Subiaco precinct in Perth, a 40,000-seat stadium near the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and a 41,000-seat stadium in Blacktown in Sydney's south west.

The stadiums to be upgraded and have their capacity either permanently or temporarily increased include Stadium Australia, Sydney Football Stadium, MCG, Geelong Stadium, Townsville Stadium, Adelaide Oval, Gold Coast, Newcastle Stadium and Brisbane Stadium.

FFA CEO Ben Buckley said the Bid shows Australia can deliver the best experience for teams and fans in Australia and the region.

"This is our opportunity to showcase our unique and beautiful country to the world," Buckley said.

"Our Bid is a tailor-made, compelling concept that shows Australia is ready to fulfill the dream of holding the FIFA World Cup on every continent on the globe."

EVERTON TOUR DOWN UNDER

English Premier League (EPL) powerhouse, Everton Football Club, is to tour Down Under in July.

Best known in Australia as the club of Qantas Socceroos favourite, Tim Cahill, Everton has been at the forefront of English football since the club was formed in 1878.

Promoter, Sam Righi, of Big Deal Touring and Trinity Sports and Event Management has confirmed that Everton will play matches against three Hyundai A-League clubs – 2010 champions Sydney FC on 10 July, newcomers Melbourne Heart on 14 July and Brisbane Roar on 17 July.

"I'm a general sports fan like most Australians and I see this as a fantastic opportunity for the Hyundai A-League to show its worth against one of the best known and most loved teams in the English Premier League," said Righi.

Led by Everton's manager (coach) of the past eight years, David Moyes, the visiting squad will include first team players who are not otherwise occupied with the FIFA World Cup including captain Phil Neville, Mikel Arteta, Louis Saha, Sylvain Distin and Jack Rodwell.

Cahill, who will potentially still be involved with Australia's third World Cup campaign when the tour starts, has confirmed he will play in Sydney and Melbourne once he is available. Cahill is widely anticipated to sign a new four year deal with Everton prior to the World Cup.



He said he is looking forward to seeing his club meet up with the army of Evertonians in his home land.

"I think it's fantastic for the Hyundai A-League and also Everton because Australia's got a massive following of Everton supporters."

"I get together and have a lot of signing sessions with the Everton supporters and they come from all corners of Australia. They're a proud following and I think for a Premier League team like Everton to visit Australia is absolutely massive."

Everton has made a habit of international pre-season tours since Moyes took charge of the 'Toffees', with the USA, Canada, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Scotland and Thailand on the itinerary.

ary in recent years.

Moyes said the 2010-11 pre-season starts with the trip to Australia.

"We're looking forward to seeing all the Evertonians in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane as well as other football and sports fans."

"The facilities in Australia are first-class which is important to us because the training and the games will be a good part of our pre-season preparations."

"Thanks to Tim Cahill, the Aussies know all about Everton and I am sure we'll get a typically warm Australian welcome – even though it's winter down under!"

Everton are due to arrive in Australia in early July for a two week tour.

Further information can be found at www.evertontownunder.com

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FOX SPORTS

El Salvador suspended from FIFA

FIFA suspended El Salvador from all international competition Tuesday after its government refused to recognize the authorities set up to run soccer in the Central American country. FIFA prohibits governments from interfering in the election of officials to run soccer and could extend El Salvador's ban for a further year if the situation is not resolved by June 8.

"FIFA considers these facts to be a clear interference on the part of the government. Based on these serious facts, the emergency committee of FIFA has decided on a suspension with immediate effect," FIFA said in a statement. Reynaldo Vasquez, president of El Salvador's soccer federation, said a failure to find a solution by the June 8 deadline could affect the three-man refereeing team from El Salvador, which is due to officiate at the World Cup in South Africa. El Salvador failed to qualify for the World Cup.



Copa Libertadores
Internacional take a slender one goal lead to Argentina next week after a narrow home win in the first leg of this tie. After a match of few chances the Brazilians eventually broke the deadlock with just two minutes of the match remaining. Uruguayan defender Gonzalo Sorondo got his head on a free-kick from the left and diverted the ball past Agustín Orión in the Estudiantes goal.

Estudiantes will hope to turn the tie around at home next week but first they will be out to win the Argentinian Clausura on the last day this weekend. Alejandro Sabella's outfit could end next week with a domestic title and a place in the semi-finals of the Copa Libertadores or they could be left with nothing to show for five months of impressive football.

Universidad de Chile netted three away goals in Rio to give themselves the upper hand at the halfway point in this tie. The home crowd were left shell shocked as first Mauricio Victorino then Rafael Olarra scored to give the visitors a 2-0 lead just 20 minutes into the match. Things picked up for Flamengo just before half-time when Adriano pulled one back and Universidad de Chile's Manuel Iturra was dismissed after picking up two yellows. Despite having the extra man advantage Flamengo found themselves 3-1 down just after the interval when Álvaro Fernández's shot beat Bruno. With time running out in the first leg Juan's goal gave Flamengo a lifeline ahead of the return match in Chile as he grabbed a late second goal for the Brazilians.

São Paulo took control of this all-Brazilian affair as they came away from their trip to Cruzeiro 2-0 up courtesy of a goal in each half. Cruzeiro's freescorer duo of Kleber and Thiago Ribeiro were kept quiet as São Paulo proved the more clinical in front of goal on the night. Dagoberto drew first blood when he beat Fábio with the contest less than 30 minutes old. The visitors' advantage was then doubled in the second half when highly rated midfielder Hernanes fired home on 65 minutes. Cruzeiro will have to come up with a plan to deal with São Paulo's physical game if they are to turn this one around at the Morumbi in a week's time.

Omar Bravo scored twice as Mexican club Chivas secured a 3-0 win over Paraguay's Libertad on Tuesday in the first leg of the Copa Libertadores quarterfinals. Bravo opened the scoring with a header from a left-wing free kick in the eighth minute. Ricardo Vazquez increased the lead with a shot into the top corner from the edge of the box in the 30th.

Bravo scored again with an angled shot in the 81st minute to give Chivas a three-goal lead ahead of the return leg in Paraguay next week. Chivas lined up without five first-choice players—including recent Manchester United signing Javier Hernández—because they have been called up to a

World Cup training camp with the Mexican national team. The players will also miss the return leg.



Brazil
Corinthians put their Libertadores Cup elimination behind them with a 2-1 home win over nine-man Atletico Paranaense in their opening match of the Brazilian championship on Sunday. Striker Kleber scored twice as Cruzeiro beat Internacional 2-1 away in a meeting of two sides that reached the last eight in South America's top club competition in midweek while another two, Flamengo and São Paulo, drew 1-1.

At the Pacaembú in São Paulo, Paranaense had Paulo Baier sent off in the 42nd minute but they still went ahead when Marcio Azevedo's free kick on the stroke of halftime went through a group of players in the box without anyone getting a touch. Souza equalised on the hour for a Corinthians side whose dream of a first Libertadores Cup crown in the club's centenary year had been dashed by Flamengo.

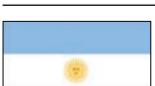
Paranaense had goalkeeper Neto shown the red card 20 minutes from time for a foul outside his box and former Brazil striker Ronaldo scored the winner with a penalty in the 82nd. At the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro, striker Washington gave São Paulo a halftime lead but Denis Marques equalised for Flamengo early in the second half in a match in which both sides rested first choice players for their Libertadores Cup matches this week.

At the Beira-Rio in Porto Alegre, where Inter will meet Libertadores Cup holders Estudiantes of Argentina in the first leg of their quarter-final on Thursday, both sides also fielded a number of reserves. There were two goals in the opening six minutes. Kleber put Cruzeiro ahead with a penalty after a harsh handball decision but Inter replied quickly when Taison headed home after Giuliano's fine run and cross. Kleber scored the winner in the 36th minute from a pass by Fabricio. Inter had a second half equaliser disallowed for obstruction.

Cruzeiro are at home to São Paulo in the first leg of the Libertadores quarter-finals on Wednesday while Flamengo host Universidad de Chile at the Maracana. Argentinos Juniors are on the verge of winning their first Argentine league title in 25 years, which could come next weekend in the last round of the Argentina Clausura tournament.



Kleber scored twice as Cruzeiro beat Internacional 2-1



Argentina
Argentinos Juniors jumped to the top of the standings with Sunday's 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Independiente. The victory coupled with Estudiantes' 0-0 draw with Rosario Central left Argentinos Juniors with 38 points, one ahead of Estudiantes. Argentinos, the first club of Diego

Maradona, last won a league title in 1984-85. Argentinos play at Huracán in their last match on Sunday with Estudiantes at Colón. All 10 leagues games are Sunday. Trailing 3-1, Argentinos Nicolas Pavlovich made it 3-2 in the 74th and Juan Sabia equalized in the final minute of regular time, setting the stage for Matías Caruzzo's winner in the third minute of injury time.

"We won because we put in a lot of fight, a lot of attitude," Caruzzo said. "There's still some way to go though and we've got to stay calm, manage the anxiety. We've got 90 tough minutes to go against Huracán." The result was bad news for Estudiantes, which could have clinched the title Sunday if it had won and Argentinos hadn't beaten Independiente. Estudiantes struggled when Juan Sebastian Verón was sent off after 30 minutes for elbowing an opponent.

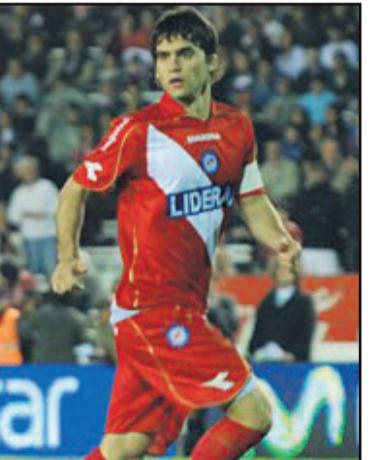
"A player as experienced as Sebastian is difficult to replace," Estudiantes coach Alejandro Sabella said. League play kicked off in Brazil on Saturday and Sunday, just a week after traditional state championships were settled. The most interesting matchup resulted in a 3-3 draw between Botafogo and Santos. The match pitted the winners of the Rio de Janeiro state championship—Botafogo—against Santos, the São Paulo state winner. Antonio Carlos scored twice for Botafogo and Argentine German Herrera scored the equalizer in the final minutes on Saturday. Neymar, Ze Eduardo and Andre scored for Santos.

Flamengo and São Paulo rested some leading players in the 1-1 draw to prepare for this week's Copa Libertadores first-leg quarterfinals. Adriano was one of the key players rested by Flamengo. In another match between teams still playing in the Copa Libertadores, Cruzeiro beat Internacional of Porto Alegre 2-1. Kleber scored twice for Cruzeiro and Taison got Inter's lone goal.

In Mexico, four clubs are into the semifinals in the Clausura playoffs: Toluca, Santos, Pachuca and Morelia. Gone are the two best teams from the regular season, Chivas and defending champion Monterrey. Toluca will face Pachuca in the home-and-away semifinals series and Santos faces Morelia. The matches are Wednesday and Saturday.

In Chile, Colo Colo defeated Cobresal 5-2 to keep the league lead. Colo Colo leads Universidad de Chile by four points after its 2-1 loss to Universidad Católica.

In Paraguay, Cerro Porteno beat Sol de América 1-0 to reach 41 points, four better than second-place Guarani. Guarani drew 2-2 with Nacional.



Matías Caruzzo netted the last gasp winner for Argentinos



WORLD CUP SQUAD LISTS
World player of the year Lionel Messi will lead Argentina's attack at the World Cup. There was no room for veteran defender Javier Zanetti in coach Diego Mara-

dona's provisional squad for the tournament, however.

The 30-man squad announced Tuesday included four high-profile forwards to support Barcelona's Messi: Gonzalo Higuaín, Diego Milito, Martín Palermo and Carlos Tevez. Maradona has to pick his final 23-player squad from this list.

But the big surprises were the inclusion of defenders Ariel Garce (Colón) and Juan Insaurralde (Newell's) and midfielder Sebastián Blanco (Lanus).

Zanetti, captain of Champions League finalist Inter Milan, and club teammate Esteban Cambiasso both missed the cut. Real Madrid midfielder Fernando Gago also was left out.

Maradona selected seven forwards, and all seven could make the final list on June 1. Only nine players have been in previous World Cups: Walter Samuel, Gabriel Heinze, Nicolas Burdisso, Fabricio Coloccini, Javier Mascherano, Maxi Rodríguez, Lionel Messi, Carlos Tévez and Juan Sebastián Verón. Maradona seems to be betting increasingly on players on clubs in Argentina and a bit less on Europe-based players, who have made up the bulk of recent World Cup squads.

Another veteran of the national team who was bypassed was defender Gabriel Milito of Barcelona, the brother of Diego.

World Cup winners in 1978 and 1986, Argentina plays its final warmup at home May 24 against Canada before heading to South Africa. Argentina opens on June 12 against Nigeria and also faces Greece and South Korea in Group B. Maradona waited until late in the day to reveal the roster.

The team's website kept promising the list, but eventually posted a notice saying the website was overloaded with requests. Hundreds of journalists milled around all day waiting for the names outside the gates of the Argentine Football Association in the Buenos Aires suburb of Ezeiza.

TV programs speculated throughout the day about the team, and Maradona was quoted repeatedly in a short clip saying: "I have no doubt about this list." Argentina finished fourth in South American qualifying—the last automatic qualifying spot—and won its last two matches when faced with the real possibility of being eliminated. The struggling qualifying campaign included a humiliating 6-1 loss last year in Bolivia, and a 3-1 defeat at home to archrival Brazil. All this despite the presence of Messi and many of the best players in the world.

Maradona, regarded by many as the greatest to ever play the game, has been widely criticized for his tactics. He had virtually no coaching experience before taking over the national team.

Ronaldinho, Adriano and Neymar were left off Brazil's 23-player World Cup roster on Tuesday. Coach Dunga was to announce seven others later Tuesday, completing the team's preliminary 30-man list, which was due to FIFA. The 23-man list doesn't have to be finalized until June 1. Kaká, Robinho, Maicon and Julio Cesar made the cut, but three-time FIFA player of the year Ronaldo and veteran left back Roberto Carlos were not selected. Dunga is sticking to most of the players who helped Brazil win last year's Confederations Cup and finish first in South American World Cup qualifying.

"These players are winners," Dunga said. "There is no doubt that they are prepared to help Brazil reach its goal. They are ready to give their best for the country." One of the biggest surprises was the absence of Adriano, who had been constantly called up by Dunga in recent matches. But there had been doubts because of recent off-the-field problems that caused him to miss several training sessions with Flamengo. "We gave Adriano numerous chances," Dunga said. "But it came to a time when we had to make a decision." Wolfsburg's Grafite was called up to take Adriano's place.

Ronaldo and Roberto Carlos were expected to be left out, but there was still some hope for Ronaldinho. A two-time FIFA player of the year, Ronaldinho hadn't been called up for the national team since April 2009, but had been playing well this season with AC Milan. Brazilian fans and local

media had also been pushing for Dunga to summon Santos young sensations Neymar and Paulo Henrique Ganso, who have been among the top players in Brazil this year.

The 18-year-old forward Neymar has dazzled fans with his speed and ball skills, being called by many as the new Robinho. The 20-year-old Ganso, or Goose in Portuguese, attracted attention for his maturity and ability as a playmaker. Along with Robinho, they led Santos to more than 100 goals in some 30 matches this year. "Some players are extremely talented, but we have to test them before taking them to a World Cup," Dunga said. "Maybe they are ready to play in a World Cup now, but maybe they are not."

Kaka is likely to be Brazil's leader in South Africa, commanding a midfield which also could have World Cup veteran Gilberto Silva as a starter, and maybe even Barcelona's Daniel Alves. The defense will be anchored by Juan and Lucio, and the attack will be set up with Luis Fabiano and Robinho. Just three of the 20 are based in Brazil: Gilberto, Kleberson and Robinho.

Chile coach Marcelo Bielsa named few surprises in his 30-man provisional squad for the World Cup announced Tuesday. The list included most of the players that featured in the most successful qualifying campaign in Chile's history, which saw it finish second behind Brazil in the South American region. Goalkeeper Luis Marín, of Chilean club Unión Española, was the most unexpected name. Marín was picked at the expense of young prospect Christopher Toselli, after being overlooked by Bielsa for all of the qualifying matches.

Another player to win a first call-up under Bielsa was forward Jaime Valdés of Italy's Atalanta, while Charles Aranguiz, a midfielder with Chilean club Colo Colo, also earned a place despite being out with injury for the last few weeks. Chile's main attacker come from Real Zaragoza's Humberto Suazo, who was the top scorer in South American qualifying. The list of players will again, like all squads be reduced to 23 by the June 1 FIFA deadline.

Uruguay head coach Oscar Tabarez has named the 26 players which he will then whittle down to 23 ahead of the World Cup in South Africa. Tabarez currently has six strikers in the squad, including Luis Suárez of Ajax and Diego Forlán of Atlético Madrid. The most notable absentee from the squad is Cristian Rodríguez of Porto. Tabarez's next job is to trim the squad down to 23 players before June 1.



Santos and Toluca have reached the final of the Mexican Clausura tournament.

Oribe Peralta scored a hat-trick as Santos humiliated Morelia 7-1 on Saturday to complete a 10-4 aggregate semifinal win, while 10-man Toluca progressed with a 1-0 home win over Pachuca.

The two-legged final will be next week, with the return match at Santos' stadium in Torreón in midweek and the return in Toluca at the weekend. Peralta, who was born and raised in Torreón, finished the semifinal series with four goals, just one less than his regular season total.

"We were able to maintain our lead, got a quick score and were able to handle the series," Peralta said. "We weren't expecting a win like this."

Fernando Arce opened the scoring against Morelia with a free kick curled in from wide that was misjudged by goalkeeper Moisés Muñoz in the second minute.

Luis Gabriel Rey equalized with a penalty two minutes later after Hugo Droguet was fouled in the box but the scores were not level for long.

Darwin Quintero raced clear to put Santos back in front in the 13th minute and Peralta followed up to score after Arce's strike hit the post in the 15th.

Jorge Estrada scored Santos' fourth in the 50th minute, with Peralta adding No. 5 a minute later and completing the first treble of his career in the 82nd.

Peralta was also involved in the seventh goal, drawing a foul in the box to allow Matías Vuoso to score from the penalty spot in the 83rd.

In the other semifinal, Antonio Ríos volleyed the winning goal low into the bottom corner of the net from the edge of the box in the 42nd minute to give Toluca victory against Pachuca.

Toluca only needed a draw to reach the final after the first leg ended 2-2, but held out for victory despite Osvaldo Gonzalez being sent off in the 43rd minute.

The final between Toluca and Santos will be the second time the clubs have faced each other for the title. The first meeting was the summer tournament in 2000, when Toluca came out winners.

Santos, which was last champion in the Clausura 2008 tournament, is bidding for its fourth Mexican title.

Toluca, despite not being considered among Mexico's four biggest clubs, has nine Mexican titles behind only America (10) and Chivas (11). Toluca last won the Mexican championship in the Apertura 2008 tournament.

Stars miss out on squad selection

The 2010 FIFA World Cup 30-man preliminary squads were announced on May 11th last week, which saw a series of surprise omissions and introductions from many of the top international teams.

As the world's most prestigious tournament begins on June the 11th in South Africa, FIFA regulations state that the 32 teams that qualified must have a list of 30 teams list by the 11th of May.

The coach of 2006 champions Italy, Marcello Lippi selected a squad that is very different to the 2006 team that travelled to Germany in terms of experience. It is entirely Italian-based, except for Villarreal striker Giuseppe Rossi. The most notable omissions from the Azzurri included veteran Roma striker Francesco Totti, Luca Toni, Palermo leading goal scorer Fabrizio Miccoli, Sampdoria striker

Antonio Cassano for disciplinary reasons and Inter Milan youngster Mario Balotelli. The inclusions of Gianluigi Buffon, Fabio Cannavaro, Fabio Grosso, Giorgio Chiellini, Daniele De Rossi, Mauro Cameranesi, Gennaro Gattuso, Alberto Gilardino, Vincenzo Iaquinta, Antonio Di Natale, Giuseppe Rossi and Andrea Pirlo are all strong and experienced national campaigners and should serve Lippi well.

The Euro 2008 champions Spain will be looking to Fernando Torres and David Villa to spear head from the front to win the 2010 World Cup.

The single most surprising omission by Coach Vincente del Bosque was that of Valencia winger Pablo Hernandez. The surprise inclusion was 19 year-old keeper David de Gea who helped Atletico Madrid's to Europa League success. Other surprise inclusions were uncapped de-

fender Cesae Azpilicueta of Osasuna and Atletico Bilbao midfielder Javi Martinez.

From the middle Cesc Fabregas, Xavi Hernandez, Andres Iniesta, Xabi Alonso and David Silva will all lead some of Spain's youth with their past experience in European success for Spain.

The South American powerhouses Brazil will head into this year's World Cup finals hoping to repeat their efforts of the 2002 finals in Korea-Japan, despite the notable omissions from the preliminary squad.

The surprise omissions of strikers Alexandre Pato and Ronaldinho for Nilmar and Grafite produced some criticism on Coach, Dunga, despite the inclusion of strong and experienced campaigners Luis Fabiano, Kaka, Felipe Melo and Robinho who should prove to be worthy admissions in Brazil's championship bid.

The French national team's most surprising exclusion was Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema by Coach Raymond Domenech due to his form on the field and lack of match time at Madrid. Domenech also left out veteran midfielder Patrick Vieira, but included out of form Barcelona striker Thierry Henry.

Diego Maradona's provisional Argentina squad included the like's world player of the year Lionel Messi with support from Gonzalo Higuain, Diego Milito and Carlos Tevez. Despite the surprise omission of Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti, Messi and his co-strikers should lead from the front for Maradona's 2010 campaign.

Fabio Capello's squad for the World Cup includes the surprise inclusion of Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher who has come out of national retirement from three years ago for injured defenders Led-

ley King and Rio Ferdinand



France's Karim Benzema is just one of the many surprise exclusions from World Cup squads.



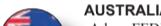
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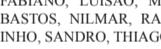
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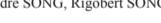
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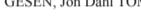
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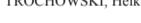
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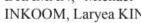
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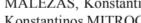
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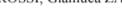
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Group A: South Africa, Mexico, Uruguay, France. Group B: Argentina, Nigeria, Korea Republic, Greece. Group C: England, Algeria, USA, Slovenia. Group D: Germany, Australia, Serbia, Ghana. Group

Serbia
It has been a thrilling season in Serbia which has seen the trophies being shared by the countries two biggest clubs. Red Star took home the Cup while Partizan has won its third straight league title thus confirming a spot in the Champions League qualifiers.

Spartak has been the biggest surprise this season. The newly promoted side has punched well above its weight. Their manager Zoran Milinkovic has been voted Manager of the Season in the Jelen SuperLiga. Vojvodina forward Dragran Mrdja is Player of the Season while OFK Beograd's Sasa Markovic was voted Young Player of the year.

Partizan confirmed their title when they beat OFK 3:0 while Red Star lost at home to BSK 1:3. The biggest disappointment was Vojvodina who came into the season with high ambitions, they will totally miss out on European football next season.

Serbia coach Radomir Antic named 30 players who will be in contention for a spot in the World Cup next month. The squad is led by well known names such as Manchester Utd full back Nemanja Vidic, Chelsea right back Branislav Ivanovic and Internazionale midfielder Dejan Stankovic.

Serbia squad:

Goalkeepers: Vladimir Stojkovic (Wigan), Zeljko Brkic (Vojvodina Novi Sad), Bojan Isailovic (Cukaricki Belgrade), Andjelko Djuricic (Leiria).

Defence: Branislav Ivanovic (Chelsea), Antonio Rukavina (Munich 1860), Nemanja Vidic (Manchester United), Neven Subotic (Borussia Dortmund), Aleksandar Lukovic (Udinese), Ivan Obradovic (Saragossa), Aleksandar Kolarov (Lazio).

Midfield: Dejan Stankovic (Inter Milan), Nenad Milijas (Wolverhampton),

Milos Krasic (CSKA Moscow), Milan Jovanovic (Standard Liege), Milos Ninkovic (Dynamo Kiev), Zdravko Kuzmanovic (Stuttgart), Zoran Tosic (Cologne), Miralem Sulejmani (Ajax), Gojko Kacar (Hertha Berlin), Nemanja Matic (Chelsea), Radosav Petrovic (Partizan Belgrade).

Forwards: Nikola Zigic (Valencia), Marko Pantelic (Ajax), Danko Lazovic (Zenith), Dragan Mrdja (Vojvodina), Dejan Lekic (Red Star Belgrade)



Croatia
The silverware was shared in Croatia by the countries biggest

clubs. Dinamo won the title yet again and will hope to finally gain qualification to the group stages of the Champions League while Hajduk can be very happy with their performance this season. The club from Split is on the rise as they won the Croatian Cup and finished second in the league after a few seasons in the wilderness.

Croatian International Ivic Olic got himself on the scoresheet as Bayern Munich thrashed Werder Bremen in the German Cup final. Olic and Danijel Pranjic have taken out the German double this season. The two will miss out on the World Cup as Croatian failed to qualify. Olic will be more than happy to have a long well deserved rest



Bosnia
Zeljepnicar has gone four points clear at the top after Borac lost to Velez Mostar 2:0.

Zeljepnicar played out a goalless draw with arch rivals Sarajevo at the Kosevo Stadion. Borac will have the opportunity to take some silver-

SERBIA

	P	GD	Pts
1. Partizan	29	57:14	75
2. Crvena zvezda	29	52:17	68
3. OFK Beograd	29	38:32	50
4. Spartak	29	34:26	49
5. Vojvodina	29	44:30	42
6. Jagodina	29	36:34	40
7. Javor	29	21:22	37
8. Metalac	29	24:36	35
9. Rad	29	35:39	34
10. Smederevo	29	23:28	34
11. Borac	29	21:33	34
12. BSK	29	28:37	30
13. Napredak	29	30:37	29
14. Hajduk	29	27:39	29
15. Cukaricki	29	24:46	29
16. Mladi radnik	29	19:41	25

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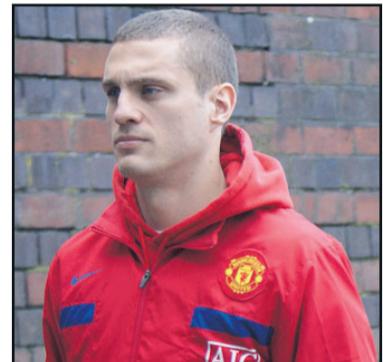
	P	Pts
1Zeljepnicar Sarajevo	28	57
2Borac Banja Luka	28	53
3Siroki Brijeg	28	51
4Zrinjski Mostar	28	48
5Sarajevo	28	46
6Velez Mostar	28	40
7Sloboda Tuzla	28	39
8Olimpik Sarajevo	28	38
9Rudar Prijedor	28	37
10Leotar Trebinje	28	37
11Zvijezda Gradacac	28	36
12Travnik	28	33
13Slavija Sarajevo	28	32
14Celik Zenica	28	32
15Laktasi	28	31
16Modrica Maxima	28	24

CROATIA

	P	GD	Pts
1Dinamo	30	+50	62
2Hajduk	30	+29	58
3Cibalia	30	+26	57
4Šibenik	30	-3	50
5Osijek	30	+13	47
6Karlovac	30	+9	47
7Slaven Belupo	30	-1	43
8Lokomotiva	30	-3	42
9Rijeka	30	+5	40
10Varteks	30	-7	36
11Istra 1961	30	-9	35
12Zadar	30	-14	34
13Inter Zaprešić	30	-14	33
14Zagreb	30	-6	33
15Mediumurje	30	-24	29
16Croatia Sesvete	30	-51	14



Olic celebrates a fine season



Vidic leads the line

Euro Scene with Alex Luttrell

Carlo's Chelsea scoop historic "Double"

F.A. Cup Final

Newly crowned English Premier League champions Chelsea overcame relegated side Portsmouth on Saturday thanks to a trademark Didier Drogba free kick.

Carlo Ancelotti's first season in charge at Stamford Bridge saw the Blues take their first ever league and cup domestic double. The win also means back-to-back F.A. Cup titles, the club's third cup in four years.

A goalless first half saw Chelsea hit the woodwork five times; the best chance for Chelsea coming from Salomon Kalou in the 27th minute. The Ivory Coast striker received a cut-back from Ashley Cole that left Pompey keeper David James stranded, but at three yards out Kalou hit the cross bar of an open net thanks to a bad bounce.

The first half was dominated by Chelsea, who had a series of opportunities and Didier Drogba looked to put the Blues ahead on the 38th when his free kick ricocheted off the cross bar and bounced down on the line. The Ivory Coast striker began his celebration before referee Chris Foy ruled out the goal much to Drogba's dismay. Replays showed that the entire ball had not passed over the line.

The second half was just as eventful as the first, but ten minutes in Chelsea's first half substitute Juliano Belletti brought down Aruna Dindane in the box and Chris Foy pointed to the spot, much to the dismay of the Chelsea faithful.



Chelsea secure a first FA Cup and League Double as Didier Drogba's free-kick is enough to see off stubborn Portsmouth in a cracking final at Wembley.

Against the run of play, Kevin-Prince Boateng stepped up to the plate and struck a powerless penalty that deflected off a diving Petr Cech's legs.

Three minutes on the game was turned on its head the ball reached the Chelsea attacking half and Didier Drogba was brought down and a free-kick was awarded. Drogba struck the ball around

the wall and hit the post on the bottom right corner as the ball rebounded into the net. After being denied by the woodwork five times in the first half, Drogba made sure that the sixth time the post would assist in a goal.

After Drogba's free kick, Chelsea dropped their intensity until the 88th when Pompey defender Michael Brown

fouled Frank Lampard in the box. The central midfielder stepped up to the spot, but failed to convert and missed the goal to the left completely in an uncharacteristic attempt.

Nevertheless, Chelsea held on to cap off a historic season for Coach Carlo Ancelotti rife with trophies, whereas Portsmouth say goodbye to the top flight with

a final spirited performance against the champions.

Championship, League 1 and League 2 relegation/promotion play-offs:

In the third place semi-finals Blackpool defeated Nottingham Forest 2-1 and 4-3 over the two legs, or 6-4 on aggregate last Tuesday.

Cardiff saw out a 1-0 victory in their first leg against Leicester, but lost 3-2 on the second, seeing 3-3 draw on aggregate with Leicester, which Cardiff won 4-3 on penalties last Wednesday. Blackpool and Cardiff face off at Wembley Stadium on the 22nd of May for a spot in the Premier League.

The Coca-Cola League One third place semi-final play-offs began on Friday which saw Charlton defeat Swindon 1-0 away. On Saturday Millwall saw out a 0-0 draw away to Huddersfield. The second legs will be played this week, on the 17th Charlton play Swindon and on the 18th Millwall play Huddersfield to see who will reach the play-off final and a berth in the Championship.

In the Coca-Cola League Two the fourth spot semi-final play-offs have seen the first leg between Aldershot Town and Rotherham play out a 1-0 away win for Rotherham on Saturday. The other semi-finals will be played between Sunday and Thursday with the final at Wembley on the Sunday the 30th of May.



The referee of repartee

Referees are a strange breed, though I must confess that some of my friends are whistle-blowers. I was one myself for a period. But I couldn't hold a candle to Don Campbell, one of Australia's best and funniest men in the middle. Born in Scotland he had an amazing capacity for finishing up in the eye of the storm, that still period in the middle of an atmospheric catastrophe swirling around and about to revive in even more devastating form. Sometimes however, despite his protestations, the storm was his own creation. He once sent off four players in an Australia Cup match and immediately before another he gave a card to the Prime Minister of Australia. More of that later.

To be fair he did not start most of the incidents in his career and he did have a few games where he achieved the referee's highest accolade—not being noticed at all. But he would not always see the value in that!

His autobiography, *The Cambell Files: Everything you won't find in the Stewart Report*, is a great read. Thanks to Margaret Bowden, with a little help from Bill Murray, it is even written in English. The man's original stream of consciousness account in broad Scots would have needed a translator for Australian readers. His pen pictures of fellow referees, players and administrators are full of wit and insight and only a little bias, not so much toward Scots as South Australians. Given the way the state's contribution to the game in this country has often been undervalued, Campbell's attempt to balance the ledger is quite appropriate.

His account of the notorious Australia versus Uruguay match in Sydney in 1974, which I mentioned a couple of weeks ago in my story on Ray Baartz, is a classic. He nearly missed the game after getting caught in traffic jam on the way to the ground and when he got



Don Campbell on the run. Photo: FFV Collection.

there he found Tony Boskovic ready to take charge of the game in his place. But the wee man did a 'quicker than Superman' change of clothes and took his place in the centre. Despite the infernal pressure by the Uruguay players, desperate to win the game after being held to a draw in Melbourne, he managed to see out the game after sending off Garisto for his second attack on Baartz. Campbell's reward for this courageous performance was his coveted FIFA badge, recognition at the highest level of his sustained quality as a referee.

He narrowly missed a chance to referee in the World Cup finals, pipped by Boskovic in 1982 for Spain and Victorian Chris Bambridge for the final tournament in Mexico in 1986. Campbell was the number one referee in Australia at the time and there was a fair bit of media controversy when he was overlooked.

In the National Soccer League Campbell said that Sydney City Hakoah and Brunswick United Juventus were two of the toughest teams to referee. Even the refs needed to wear shinpads, he said! On the other hand, Sydney Croatia and Footscray JUST were the easiest because both teams concentrated on playing smooth flowing football. They had a passion for the game and developing skills at the highest and most entertaining level.

At a cup final in the 1970s in Canberra, Campbell was just going on to the field when a civil servant sidled up to him and told the Scot that the Department of Immigration was thinking of revoking his visa. 'You can't do that, I've been here for thirteen years,' Campbell expostulated. 'We will unless you give Malcolm Fraser a card,' said the apparatchik. So as you will see from the photograph Don did what he was told and brandished a card at the PM.

Nowadays Don Campbell has a radio program on Sundays in Adelaide and he still puts as much into the game as he did in his whistling days.



Don Campbell, with Victorian assistants, Chris Bambridge, Mike Gaut and Jimmy Brennan. Photo: FFV Collection



Don Campbell brandishes a card at the Prime Minister of Australia, Malcolm Fraser, just before he was due to kick off a cup final in the 1970s. Photo: FFV collection.



KAT'S CORNER

With Peter Katholos

SACK THE COACH

This week I want to share a scenario coaching young players and what goes on out there in the real world. At the start of my weekly sessions with the players I coach I begin by asking them about their game on the weekend and how they played. One of the players, a 11 year old, says "I thought I was playing well, good passing, always offering myself, good control, but I only played 15 minutes." I think to myself, why did the coach take you off? He said "I was not defending properly" I then asked him if he did not try to win the ball back. He told me "yes I did, but he still wasn't happy." The young lad then went on to say that the coach told him that he was too small!

The player upset me with his story, so I began to do some homework. I watched his team play on the weekend and followed his coach's movements over the next few weeks, taking note of his comments he made at training. Please note, the player is good, quick, has good touch and technique, is smart, and a player that works very hard. If he was used correctly with the right instructions he would be an asset to any team.

Well, Mr Coach of the Under 12's are you really serious about coaching young players? What is your goal there what are you trying to achieve? Is it about you making the top four, or winning the comp? Or is it about seriously developing young players? Is anyone going to remember that the team came first or sec-

ond or last? Who really cares anyway? It is clear that he does not give two hoods about the player, but is doing a great job in shattering the boy's confidence. Yes, he certainly is. So what is your agenda? If you are going to take him off because he is not following the correct instructions in defending, then fair enough, but you have not given him any instructions or coached him the way you want him to defend. The player is baffled, and the parents are wondering what is going on. By this time you have exposed yourself and the tongues are wagging that "this coach is an idiot"!

How can you give a young player 15 minutes game time then take him off? Or, the following week bring him on for 5 minutes and then take him off again? He is waiting all week to get on the park only to be shattered by your pathetic behaviour. And furthermore, is humiliated in front of the other boys stating that he is not good as the other players in the team, due to your actions. The coach is playing politics with a good player that is only 11 years old. Can you believe that? By the way, I have coached under 11's and under 12's successfully, and I should know. It's called 'even game time', buddy. Rotating each member of the squad, so everyone is happy with receiving even game time. It is particularly important at this age, as enjoying the game is the key. Remember, you have picked him in the squad at the trials, no one forced you. So, give him a fair go!

You would never let any coach treat your own kids like that, so why don't you treat him as one of your own? I

know of many clubs that are practicing this and one club in particular has a

that not ethical to do? The comment that he is too small really got me going. In the team he has 5 players of the same build and stature, which does not warrant such comments. What the coach must realize is that it's not how big you are, but how effective you are. To prove my point one only has to look some of the best players in the world who are of smaller stature. As we all know, Messi, Maradona, Zola and Rooney are blessed with more ability than height, and could destroy other players twice their size. That is one of the beautiful aspects of our game. Maybe that coach also runs his own private academy? If this is the scenario then there is another issue that arises, and let's look at that.

Is it ethical for coaches that coach teams to have their own coaching academies? No, I don't believe so. Coaches should be made to choose between one or the other, otherwise it is a pure conflict of interest. So what are the clubs doing about this? How can the clubs employ such coaches in the first place? Questions must be then asked regarding the role of the clubs, and what their objective is. What are the technical directors of the clubs doing about all this?

I

Australian international with 25 caps, Australian Player of the Year, winner of 4 NSL championships, 3 NSL Cups, 557 first grade games, 97 goals from 1976-1996. Played for St George, Sydney Olympic, Apia, Marconi, Melita Eagles and Larissa (Greece). Rated as one of the most technically gifted players ever produced in Australia. Now involved with player development and player management. www.technikfootball.com



That's how you do it! Former Socceroo Peter Katholos demonstrates to youngsters how to strike the ball with proper technique.

player agent coaching their team, which of course, is against FIFA rules of FIFA. Can you believe it? Anyway, that's another story, so back to this one. If this type of scenario is happening, who is going to stop it? The federations must apply some sort of rules and criteria for the clubs to follow.

As you can see from this one player's example, it's a situation where I'm sure is happening elsewhere. Australian football does not need such coaches operating. Clubs must act immediately, and parents that pay \$1500 in registration fees for the son to play football,

shouldn't expect such treatment of their kids. If anyone has such a story please come out and speak up! We can't let these ill advised coaches destroying the football future of young players in the meantime.

People are sick and tired of football politics. The game needs credibility and it needs credible people involved in coaching and running grass-root football clubs.

You imposters out there, go and get a life! Go and smell the roses!

See you all next week.

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With George Katsamboukas



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Pim's Picks

Pim Verbeek announced his Squad for the upcoming World Cup Finals during the week and a number of hopefuls missed out, some of whom are getting on a tad and can say goodbye to playing World Cup Finals football ever again.

Out with the old and in with the new. A number of youngsters have been selected with the cream of the crop being Tommy Oar, who is touted as the next best thing going around since J Walker started producing 1Litre Bottles.

Dobbo's SOS

Over to the Local scene we go, where Ian Dobson gets to add to his collection of Green Gully Managers jackets,



Ian Dobson is back at the helm at Green Gully.

as he has been appointed as the Coaching El Supremo.

The Gully outfit have certainly had a very indifferent start to the season, and will be looking to Dobbo to turn this around.

If he doesn't, the Scorer who is currently itching to take another scalp, will take care of Business.

Double Shot of Chelsea Blues

This year's FA Cup Final between Chelsea and Portsmouth brought together two teams from both spectrums of the 2010 EPL Season - the former saluting the Judge, whilst the later visiting the English equivalent of the Westgate; Old London Bridge. The Blues pummelled the Pompey goal and the woodwork certainly earned its money. Just when it looked as though Lady Luck had already

engraved Portsmouth's name on the Cup, a missed penalty and a Drogba special, in quick succession, you could hear bookkeepers from as far away as Blighty let out a huge sigh of relief.

Not having two quality sides in the Final possibly had a flow on effect to many a local club's social calendar, as many punters were probably not be attracted to attend the traditional FA Cup Final night.

Boredom watching one sided matches can usually be cured with the assistance of beverages that are not allowed to be served to minors, under the age of 18.

Then again, I have attended many of these nights, where quality opponents have been playing, but have vague recollections as to what actually occurred in the second half.

Ring Kching

With the VPL Transfer window about to open, followed by State 1 in a few weeks, Club Powerbrokers mobile bills have soared recently, as they court new potential signings.

Once again it's the case of out with the old and in with the new, as some pop stars will be released from their current clubs.

However, one man's trash is another man's treasure and there will be Club Powerbrokers who will pick up these once loved discarded players.

Until Next Week,

This is Katsa, just as you've known him, and remember, bad Dim Sims are not the only thing that can spoil one's weekend!



BOO'S WORLD

With Mark Boric



Joel Griffiths has turned all Ljubo Milicevic, in a way, launching an attack on Pim Verbeek following his omission from the provisional 30 man Socceroo squad for the World Cup.

Whilst most of what he complained about in an interview with Sebastian Hassett is tainted with sour grapes, one point lingers: "I for one will be happy that he is leaving, not because he doesn't like me but because he didn't support - or believe - in Australian football." Verbeek will never live down his training in Europe is better than playing in the A-League remark, and his overly defensive tactics show he doesn't really believe in the talent at his disposal, which fails to bode well for a good World Cup.

Apparently South Melbourne have appealed the tribunal's decision regarding the abandoned match with Heidelberg United. No result has yet been forthcoming. The verdict is being awaited with great interest. Also up before the GDT is a complaint about threats

made to a match official by Dandenong Thunder club associates. Consistency is not just something you need to monitor when cooking.

Mitch Langerak is off to Borussia Dortmund. Hopefully he will feel free to open up about things on Twitter now. He can take a leaf out of the Griffiths and Milicevic books and tell it like it is.

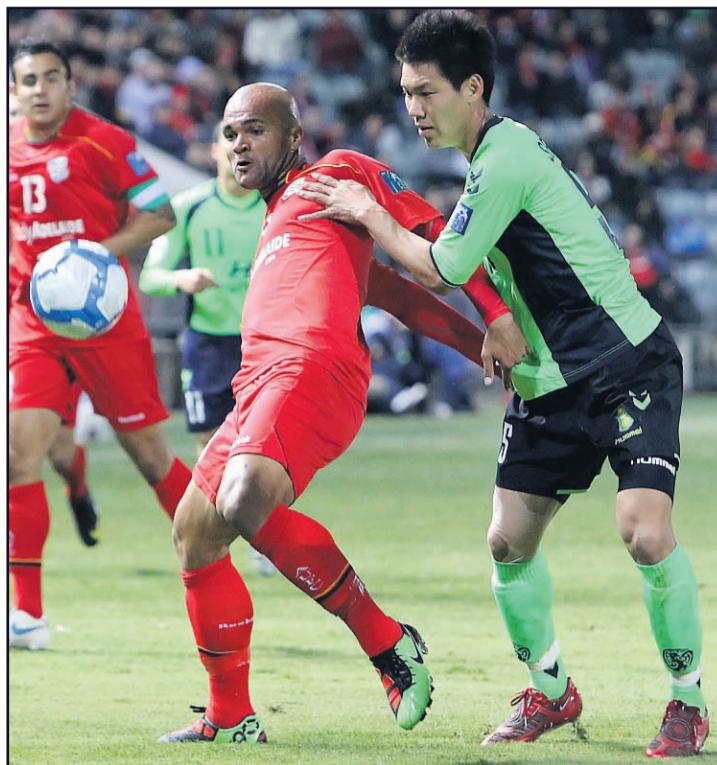
Adelaide United's run in Asia is over, ending in dramatic fashion with a 2-3 loss to Joenbuk Motors. Asia's premier club competition still features many clubs with names more suited to the old VSF Industrial and Amatuer Leagues. Thai Farmers Bank, of course were two time winners. China has Henan Construction. The Thais do lead the way in this field though, their Premier League containing teams like Bangkok Glass, Police United, Royal Thai Army and Thai Port.

The Thais are famous for selling out to sponsorship. Take boxer Saengmuangnoi Lukchapormasak. You will not find his birthname in the annals of

boxing history, where he is a former WBF Super Flyweight champion. There you will find his ringname, which was Samson Dutch Boy Gym. As well as being Samson 3-K Battery and Samson Toyota-Thailand at various stages.

AAMI Park is up an running (eventually they will finish the roof so it stops leaking though), with a testimonial for Kevin Muscat being the first football game played there with Melbourne Victory taking on the Come Play XI. The Come Play team didn't really come and play much, and were beaten 4-0. Nice to see Semir Sivic honoured by the club and Muscat with an appearance and goal.

Joenbuk Motors stalled Adelaide United's gallant Asia Cup run.
PHOTO: ADAM BUTLER



KRNCEVIC'S CRUNCHLINES

With Eddie Krnceanic

KING KEV
Congratulations are in order to Kevin Muscat for his testimonial on Friday night. In all due respect, he may not be everyone's cup of tea of a footballer, but no one can argue that he doesn't play the game with his heart on his sleeve.

As a kid growing up in Melbourne's west he managed to fulfil his ambitions and live the dream of representing the Socceroos and enjoy a stellar career as a professional in Europe. Since his return to Australia he has been pivotal to Melbourne Victory's success and obviously still enjoys playing the game so much that he intends to continue playing for as long as his legs will carry him. Well done, Kev.

HISTOR IN THE MAKING?
There has obviously been a great deal of publicity surrounding the announcements of the respective World Cup squads from around the globe. It has been interesting to see the response from the pundits and the Australian media in general upon hearing Pim Verbeek's provisional Socceroo squad.

Whilst all countries are probably most critical of the own national team, I don't believe we are any different from any-

one else. Ultimately, the analysis and questioning is because everyone wants to see their team do the best. The general consensus in this country seems to be that the majority of our squad is not in its prime like it was in Germany 2006 and will therefore struggle overcome the likes of Germany, Serbia and Ghana.

The feeling is that the majority of the players that we would normally rely upon to get the job done are either out of form, have been hampered by injuries for an extended period of time, are not match fit, are all older and slower than four years ago, and we have adopted tactics and a style of play that is a lot more cautious and conservative than would we've been accustomed too in recent years.

On the one hand, it just shows how far we've actually come in the world game. I remember a time when a draw was deemed a monumental success against quality overseas competition, and if we managed to get over the half way line, that was also a cause for celebration.

Indeed, the game has changed, and so has the quality of our players. Many of whom are now earning a living in the lucrative confines of the world football market and are skilful enough to compete with the world's best. Never the less, there is an expectation here that many football fans would like

to see their beloved Socceroos accomplish. The fact of the matter is however, that within the squad that was announced by Pim we really only have two players that have been on top of their game in club football, that would suggest on the surface that their form will continue into the tournament.

Apart, from Tim Cahill at Everton and Mark Schwarzer at Fulham, the rest of the squad has been struggling to make a genuine impression that you would be confident they can replicate on a world stage.

There's no doubt all the players selected will give their utmost and play with all their heart, but will that be enough? I dare say that Mark Schwarzer will be a busy boy in South Africa, and he will be critical to keeping us in the game.

Tim Cahill is such a proud player he will also fight tooth and nail like the warrior he is for the Green and Gold, and will no doubt be central to being the link that holds the team together.

I just don't feel comfortable that we are relying so heavily on so few individuals.

When you look at a team like Spain for instance, the danger can come from anywhere. And I think that will be our downfall. I believe we have run out of time to get the right blend properly conditioned for the contests that await

ahead. The combination of the lack of stability for certain key players, whether it's their playing environment and surroundings, or just the opportunity to play regular football, I believe will be a telling factor in the end.

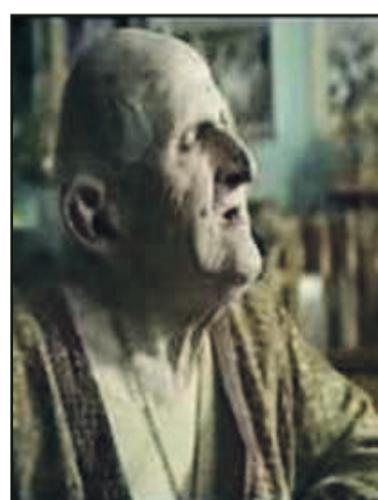
I hope I'm wrong. I think we all do. But the fact of the matter remains that there are too many elements that are causing concern to have confidence that the squad will perform well enough to advance from the group stages. Harry Kewell is under an injury cloud. Mark Bresciano and Vince Grella have also had their fair share of injuries. Have we really replaced Mark Viduka? Lucas Neill and Craig Moore have been struggling to find the form (and a club) that made them solid and reliable acquisitions for any team.

The fact that the coach is going after the tournament probably doesn't exactly help the vibe in the dressing room, either.

I think when qualification was assured in 2006, it felt like it was a magical period in Australian football when everything came together effortlessly. The euphoria that swept the nation brought goose bumps to any genuine football who ever imagined that that day would ever come. Our destiny was assured because we had players at the peak of their game, and unfortunately I just don't see history repeating itself.

As I said, let's hope for football's sake

I'm proven completely wrong. If ever we needed to put football back at the forefront of the nation's radar then it is now. We have to reproduce the momentum that was experienced four years ago and produce some massive performances that will get people thinking and talking about football again. Success at the World Cup is imperative for the growth and success of the local game as it will hopefully recapture those fans who have stopped going to A-league games, and provide an another injection of interest and excitement.



Let's hope 'History' makes a reappearance in South Africa



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Atletico Mineiro wants Ammache

BRAZILIAN giant Atletico Mineiro has offered 13-year-old Aussie wonderkid Omar Ammache a full scholarship.

The news is sure to boost the stocks of Melbourne-based private football academy, Australian Football Skool, which took Ammache on a tour of Brazil last year where he immediately caught the eye of Atletico scouts.

He also caught the eye of Melbourne's 'Herald-Sun', a notorious AFL-centric daily tabloid which caught me totally by surprise when it ran a story and a fair-sized photo of Ammache in its news pages last October.

The Patterson Lakes teen and older brother Amir jetted back to Brazil in March. Omar started a three-month trial while Amir was on an international exchange program. Both lived at the club's massive training complex with more than 100 other teenagers, training daily and studying in the evenings.

The brothers will return to Melbourne next month and once Omar renews his visa for a further three years he will go back to Brazil to continue his development at Atletico.

"From day one Atletico put Omar straight into the starting 11 of the under-13s and they have played him in every position out on the field. They assessed his personality as well and they have decided to put him on a full scholarship," said the teen's father Nidal.

"To me Omar is a typical striker. I think they like the way he can beat defenders and his technical ability is good."

It's a big deal we're talking about here. Many, many youngsters tried out for Atletico Mineiro's elite 22-member under-13 squad, the only squad at that age group that the club will field during the Brazilian season.

Atletico estimates that every youngster going through its development program will cost the club around US\$30,000 each season so it clearly rates Omar Ammache highly.

Based in Belo Horizonte, Atletico and local rival Cruzeiro have recently played host to a number of youngsters from Australian Football Skool.

While the Ammache brothers were trying out with Atletico, five other AFS teens were training with Cruzeiro and one of them, 15-year-old midfielder Tari Klisaris, is expected to return there later this year for a nine-month stint.

The others who have trained at Cru-

zeiro are 15-year-old striker Mark Dangas, 15-year-old goalkeeper Mark-Anthony Aouad, and two 18-year-olds: wide right player Grant Maddern and utility player Mackie Simmons.

Klisaris, Aouad and Maddern spent 20 days with Cruzeiro before flying to the UK to link up with an AFS representative squad which played against Chelsea's academy side, attended an EPL game at Stamford Bridge and competed in a tournament in Barcelona. That squad returned to Melbourne last month.

An AFS representative squad will tour Brazil next year. Trips to the US, Europe and Asia are also in prospect.

AFS director Rolando Navas was delighted with the news of Omar Ammache's progress and hinted at the possibility of entering into a partnership agreement with both Atletico and Cruzeiro.

"We're just waiting to process some paperwork and once Omar's visa is renewed he'll go back to Atletico and join the 21 other youngsters in the club's elite under-13 squad," said Navas.

"This is great recognition for the talent we have in Australia. We've struck up a good relationship with both Atletico and Cruzeiro and now that they can see what talent there is here they may be interested in closer involvement with our program."

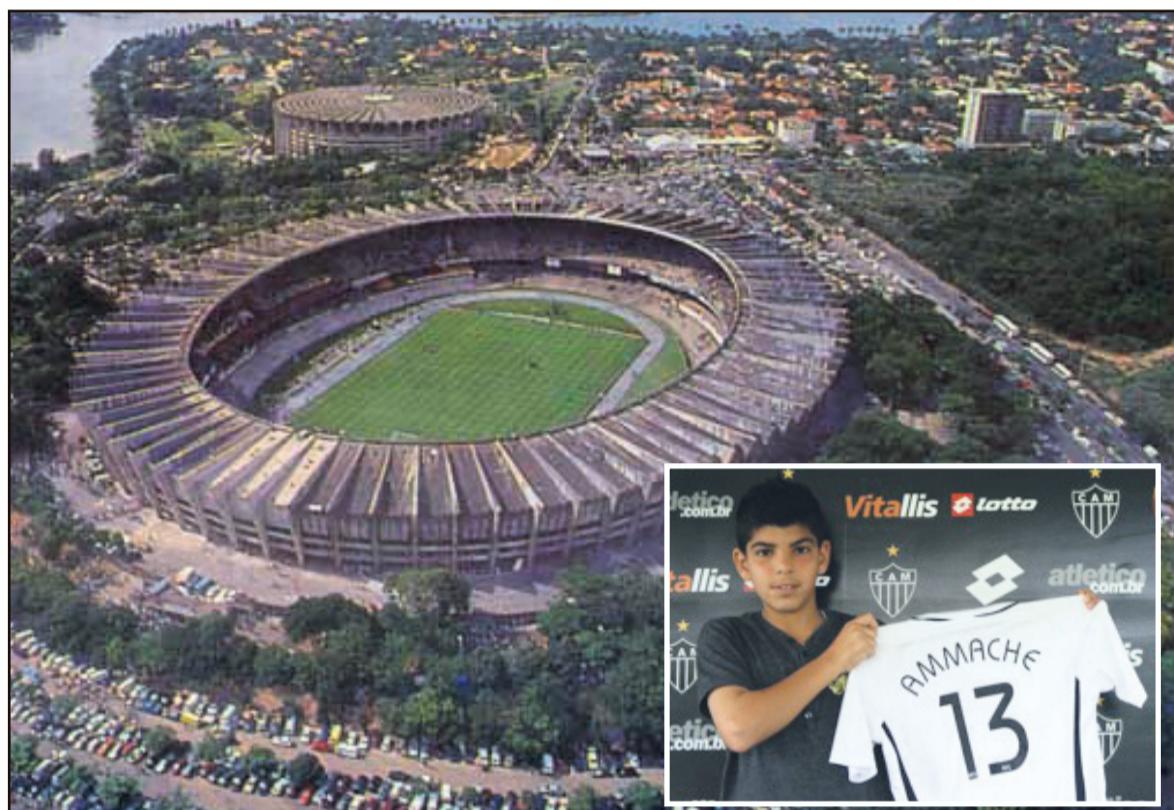
Navas sang the praises of AFS technical director Wael Gharzedinne.

"Wael played a pivotal role in all of this," said Navas. "He met and worked with Mineiro head coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo and has developed good ties that can only benefit everyone in the future."

Belo Horizonte is one of 12 host cities for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Finals. Its main arena, officially the Governor Magalhães Pinto Stadium, but colloquially referred to as the Mineirão, is one of the most famous in Brazil. It's now a 72,000 seater but it boasts a record crowd of 132,834 for a 1997 match between Cruzeiro and Villa Nova. Atletico Mineiro and Cruzeiro are current co-tenants.

And it's in the midst of this cauldron that Omar Ammache dreams of plying his trade in front of the world in four years' time.

If confidence and ambition are a necessary recipe for success then put your money on Ammache realising his dream.



Omar Ammache's field of dreams – the mighty Mineirão in Belo Horizonte. Inset: Superboy Omar.

I'm told that he is fully aware that Harry Kewell debuted for Australia (in April 1996 in a 3-0 loss to Chile in Antofagasta) as a 17-year-old and he dreams of making his Socceroo debut at an even younger age.

He wants to be part of a Socceroo team competing in the 2014 finals and given the prevalent belief that there are few youngsters coming through the ranks and emerging as our next crop of internationals let's all hope that Ammache's dream comes true.

But there may well be an ironic twist to Ammache's South American odyssey should AFS become party to a commercial arrangement with Atletico Mineiro and Cruzeiro.

It lies in the fact that a private football academy based in Melbourne right under the noses of Victory and Heart is producing promising youngsters for clubs based in a city over 14,000 kilometres away.

Then again if you were one of those youngsters ask yourself who you would rather play for – Atletico Mineiro, Cruzeiro, Melbourne Victory or Melbourne

Heart?

There's no doubt that your chances of playing with Victory or Heart are enhanced by selection for and participation in our established development pathways (National Training Centre program, for example) but that opportunity pales into insignificance when matched with the chance to show off your talent to two world class football clubs.

I guess it was a no-brainer for Omar Ammache. Until Atletico recognised his prodigious talent his representative claim to fame was playing for Victoria at the under-12 National Futsal Championships.

Spit roast beats riot

LAST season I stood in the midst of a riot involving supporters of home team Frankston Pines and visitors St Albans Dinamo in a Victorian State One fixture.

On Saturday I stood next to a group of Bosnians who support Langwarrin and had funded and organised a spit roast at Lawton Park for the players of the home team and their opponents, St Albans.

The contrast between my 2009 season experience and Saturday's could not have been more stark.

Last season I witnessed acts of violence but last Saturday I witnessed a gesture of friendship. It also was a gesture of respect for every time Langy travels to Churchill Reserve the Croatian-backed St Albans puts on a great aftermatch spread for the players.

Langy senior coach Gus Macleod is well aware of the importance of good relations between his club and rival clubs. When the referee blew the final whistle on Saturday bringing to an end an exciting second-half contest which ended 2-2, Macleod quickly made his way over to the St Albans bench to shake the hands of the club's coaching staff. He even high-fived the Dinamo supporters standing near their team's bench.

If only it could be like this week-in, week-out, season after season. This is what football should be about – a passionate contest on the park that stays there when the final whistle blows. I guess I'll just have to keep dreaming ...



Vicenza Calcio Trials

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With Leroy Robinson



Is This The Death Of The Dynamic Duo?

By Leroy Robinson

Can you imagine Batman or Robin leaving Gotham City, you know just slinging their capes into a suitcase and upping sticks? Brace yourselves for something just as unthinkable; that other dynamic duo could soon be broken up. If Saturday's newspapers are to be believed Torres could be on his way.

Liverpool Football Club is without UCL football next season for the first time since 2002-2003. They also have severe financial constraints due to the debts racked up by the American owners upon purchasing the club. Let's face it Torres and Gerrard are Liverpool's equivalent of Gotham's finest and without either the reds would have struggled to finish 7th.

Yet the talk has been of Chelsea preparing a £70m bid and Torres himself has said that Liverpool needs several new players in order to compete. Torres' comments about signing new players have been a mantra throughout Liverpool's failed season. It's a shame he indicated at the start of the season that Liverpool were ready for a title challenge! Aside from being a convenient smokescreen for Rafa Benitez's poor transfer policy Torres is essentially correct. Last year the team overachieved but in large part that was due to Xavi Alonso, let go in another huge transfer error by Benitez.

On the subject of Benitez, I find it unlikely that he will leave Liverpool given he still has 4 years of his contract to run. They certainly won't sack him because it'll cost too much. I also find it hard to believe he'll be given the assurances from new chairman Martin Broughton that money will be made available for new players. Remember, this is a man who bought Robbie Keane in September 2008 for £20m and sold him for £12m six months later. Keane, his agent, and Spurs are probably hoping Rafa stays if that's the way he conducts business but the money men at Liverpool don't have memories that short or pockets that deep to go throwing money away.

The question isn't if Torres will stay or go. The question is would it make sense to sell him?

Have I gone crazy? Why would Liverpool even contemplate selling their best player and undoubtedly one of the best strikers in the world?

When he joined Liverpool from



Same Bat-time? Same Bat-channel? Possible not for these two caped crusaders if the Liverpool owners see otherwise over the summer.

Atletico Madrid he had a modest goal scoring record in what was a mediocre team from the Spanish capital. At the reds he has elevated his game and become the fastest player to 50 EPL goals. I can even forgive his paltry strike rate at international level – 22 goals in 67 appearances. During his 3 years in England the 26 year-old hasn't completed a full season. If you're going to cash in on a player may I suggest cashing in when he is in his prime and when you're not sure if he has the physical toughness to cope with the EPL. I'm not advocating selling Torres. I'm saying that his stock is at its highest right now and so by definition that is the best time to sell.

Would it be the right decision for Liverpool Football Club? Take away Torres and you have Ngog and no-one else. Who is to say that if Benitez brought in a new striker he would be any better than the Frenchman given the Spaniard's horror stories of transfer windows past?

Let's just indulge ourselves for a minute though. Say they are offered a £70m for Torres. That's serious Wonga and could buy 3 quality players like Sergio Aguero, Edin Dzeko and his Wolfsburg colleague Zvjezdan Misimovic. He could even try and get Joe

Cole on a free transfer. All four are under 28 and their creativity would benefit the team. The problem is you would have to give them a season to gel.

Given Liverpool finished 7th this term could they be any worse next year? The sale of Torres would give them more depth at striker. Add into the mix the fact Torres has hardly been durable over the past three seasons at Liverpool – starting a measly 69 games – and you wonder whether he'll be using a walking stick by the time he's 30. Warning to potential suitors: anything above 25-30 league games a season from Torres is a bonus. Let me balance the stat-fest by saying Torres did start 126 games in all competitions from 2007-2010, but Gerrard started 155!

Would I sell Torres? Yes and no. Yes if you can replace him with the names I've mentioned. Don't get me wrong when Torres is healthy he'll give you 25 plus goals a season in the league alone but his injury problems worry me. Liverpool could argue that selling him would make their rivals stronger. The flipside is it could make them stronger. Some will argue that the players I mentioned won't replace his goals. His goals haven't been enough to bring any silverware to Anfield since he's been there have they? Putting man

love for Fernando aside for a second you have to admit the ultimate goal is to make the team and squad better. But the biggest factor in selling Torres may be whether Steven Gerrard stays or not.

Rumours have been circulating that Italian and Spanish clubs are looking at Gerrard and a possible £50m move. Liverpool needs a shakeup in the playing staff so what better way to do it than to sell Mr. Liverpool, the captain. Not suggesting it will happen but I suggest it should. Gerrard's powers are in decline. This is one of his worst seasons in the EPL and though there were flashes of brilliance against teams like Burnley he didn't do it enough against the big teams or in the UCL. For me this is indicative of his ever so slight demise. Yes, he's still a fantastic player but that is exactly why I'd sell him now. If you can get £50m for a 29 year old midfielder (30 on May 30th) then I will always say yes. Milan sold Kaka so anything is possible. On that subject, Milan did a great bit of business. They sold the Brazilian after an injury-riddled season and maybe they saw, like I did, that he had lost that explosive acceleration and ability to glide past players, meaning he dived more when hustled by opponents.

Like Kaka Gerrard isn't over the hill just yet. He still has the ability to score long-range crackerjacks but his influence on the big games isn't what it was. Given that he plays in more or less a free role his production (9 goals 7 assists in 33 games started) is mediocre by his standards. But Gerrard is nothing if not durable. He's started 94 league games over 3 seasons, a full 25 more than Torres so it could be argued that at least Gerrard is a player who is certain to be on the pitch week in week out.

Whereas Liverpool has no replacement for Torres it could be argued that Alberto Aquilani – at the latter part of the season anyway – has showed he is capable of developing into that role. I liked the signing of the Italian. He is an excellent player who needs a full preseason under his belt before we see his true capabilities. Is he a direct replacement for Gerrard? Of course not. My point is more would be lost if Torres left and I think the team could be strengthened in attack (Dzeko or Aguero and Misimovic and/or Joe Cole) with the money from the sale of Gerrard. This is all hypothetical and depends on Benitez doing something he hasn't done much of in his time at Liverpool; buy good players to fill the gaps in his team.

Gerrard and Torres have been like a prescription drug for the reds. Rather than keep relying on them I feel Liverpool need to be weaned off their reliance. The only way to do that is to sell one of them and sorry to all you Stevie G fans but Torres is more important to Liverpool than Gerrard. Having said all that the biggest hindrance to Liverpool isn't just their reliance on the dynamic duo, it's the way they play.

Until Benitez is more adventurous with his formation is doesn't matter who they buy or who plays. I doubt either will be allowed to leave unless a sensational offer comes in but I hope the powers that be at least consider the benefits. The fans hate the owners anyway so Benitez should take radical action...and then blame the owners! Regardless, we haven't heard the last of the Torres/Gerrard saga and it may just be that come September they're somebody else's superheroes and Liverpool's villains.

League Stats Since 2007-08:
Fernando Jose Torres: Games Started 69/Goals 56/ Assists 9
Steven Gerrard: Games Started 94/Goals 36/ Assists 27

IN OFF THE POST

Got something to say? Drop us a line and get it off your chest.
 Best letter wins double movie pass to Palace Cinemas.

Dear GW,
 After reading the daily newspaper recently I noticed that the Socceroo captain got sent off again while playing in Turkey. It would be interesting to know how many times red cards Lucas Neill and Kevin Muscat have collected between them during their playing careers.
 D.Gardner, Pampton Park

Allo! Allo! Ed,
 Noticed that the provisional World Cup squads were announced during the week.
 Apart from the major surprises I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the French line ups. Sacrebleu, I nearly choked on my toasted fromage sandwich. No Ginola? No Cantona???? What in the world is that man, Raymond Domenech thinking?? I suppose an out of form Thierry Henry might be able to lend him a hand though. Get it?

Lend him A HAND!!!!!!
Asterix, The Paris end of Collins St, Melbourne

Dear Ed,
 When is the wag of the week picture going to be bigger?
Wozza, Fozza, Macka, Jacka, Chipper, Ringa, Dinga, Donga.
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And the award goes to...

And so another amazing Premier League season is officially in the books. Don't worry though as the World Cup is less than one month away. But before we start to get overexcited about all that, let's take one last look back at the English domestic season. And what better way to do that than by awarding my very own GoalWeekly English Premier League Awards. And of course, in good English tradition, let's not only award the best that our league has to offer, but also the worst.

Best Team of the Season: Chelsea and Fulham

Now I know I should really be awarding Team of the Season to just one team, but I think that this year both Chelsea and Fulham, local rivals of course, deserve it equally for their differing achievements. Chelsea won the league, and are certainly the best team in the country. Scoring over a hundred goals is an achievement that may not be matched for some time, and they could still win an FA Cup to go with their league title. Fulham on the other hand have achieved a feat that nobody expected from them, making it to a Europa League Final. Sadly they did not take home the trophy, but they did manage to maintain a strong European push whilst holding a good league position, beating United and Liverpool along the way. This season will remain arguably Fulham's best ever.



Chelsea

Worst Team of the Season: Hull City

This was an award closely contended by Burnley and Wolves, but it's Hull who take the gong home. A series of tepid displays from the Tigers, pretty much all year long, and it's come as a surprise to nobody that they'll be spending next

year in the Championship.

Player of the Season: Wayne Rooney

England and United's main man has been immense this year, reaching his highest scoring tally for a single season. People wondered if United would miss Ronaldo, and it has been Rooney who has stepped up and became the best in the league. Without him United looked like half a team, and I know all England fans are hoping for big things from the man come World Cup time.

Worst Player of the Season: Paul McShane

This may seem like a somewhat obscure choice, but believe me, this guy is the worst player in the league, even if he has played over ten times for Ireland. A defender who cannot defend, tackle, has no positional sense, and he does indeed play for Hull, the worst team in the league. He just piped Arsenal's Lukasz Fabianski to the award, a goalkeeper who apparently can't catch.

Manager of the Season: Roy Hodgson

What Roy and his Fulham team have achieved this season has been amazing. Hodgson took over a couple of years ago, with Fulham looking like they may be sinking into the Championship, a yet now, just a couple of days ago, Fulham were narrowly missing out on a European trophy. Roy Hodgson we salute you.



Roy Hodgson

Worst Manager of the Season: Brian Laws

Pushed close by Rafa Benitez, but the Burnley boss gets the award. Not only did Laws take a lower table Burnley into relegation, after losing 15 out of 18 games in charge, but he also, earlier in the season, managed Sheffield

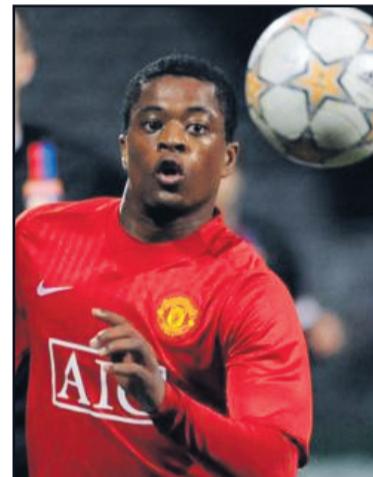
Wednesday, who were near the bottom of the Championship when he left, and have now also been relegated. Sadly for Burnley fans, he still has his job at the club next year, so it looks like League 1 for you.

Best Goalkeeper: Joe Hart

A young keeper whose performances for Birmingham have gifted him with an opportunity to go to the World Cup, and he may even be England's number one.

Best Defender: Patrice Evra

Has become a great defender to go with his already present attacking skills, a player much like Ashley Cole who is really important to the whole make-up of his team, despite being a left back.



Patrice Evra

Best Midfielder: Cesc Fabregas

For much of the season it looked like Cesc might drive Arsenal to the title all on his own. Injuries hurt the end of his season, but he is a young man who has taken to captaincy like a proverbial duck to water, and what's frightening for opposition players is that he is still getting better. I should also mention here that Frank Lampard has once again had a very good season, which may be topped by an even better campaign with England at the World Cup.

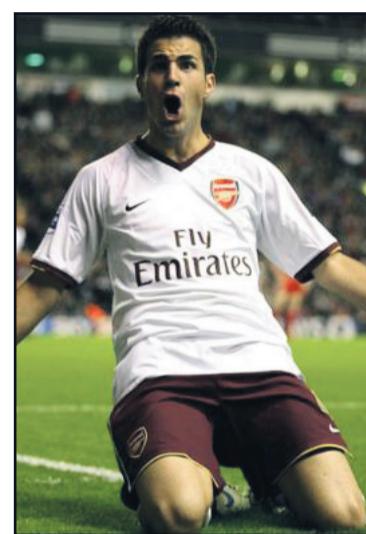
Best Striker: Wayne Rooney

As I said earlier, simply immense. Drogba did score more goals, but Rooney offers so much more.

Best Signing of the Season: Thomas Vermaelen

Despite Arsenal being rather brittle at

the back, Vermaelen has been very good this season. Solid if unspectacular defensively, he can play football and also score goals. A big reason why Arsenal challenged for the title this term.



Cesc Fabregas

Worst Signing of the Season: Alberto Aquilani

Cost near twenty million pounds, has hardly played. Benitez has now suggested he may not be also to fit into the English game. Great bit of business by the Liverpool boss.



Bobby Zamora

Most Improved Player: Bobby Zamora

I have already spoken much about this man, and he deserves all the praise I have given him. If he wasn't injured he may be on his way to South Africa. Instead he has to console himself with being the main man in the best Fulham team ever,

and someone who could be on the move to a bigger club in the summer.

Biggest Disappointment: Liverpool

Last season they could have won the title, this season they were lucky to finish in a Europa League spot. Not only have the results not been there but also the performances have been fairly awful as well. And with apparently little money to spend in the summer, combined with no Champions League football, next season could be a long one for the Reds.

Worst Moment: Aaron Ramsey breaking his leg

Another Arsenal leg break, which did seem to galvanise the Arsenal youngsters for a spell. Let's hope he comes back soon.

Best Moment: Scott Parker celebrating against Wigan to help West Ham stay up

For pure emotion this award must go to the Hammer. Scotty Parker nearly burst his lungs screaming with delight after more or less keeping West Ham in the Premier League with his winning goal against Wigan, which may have got him a place in the England World Cup squad.

Most Talked About: John Terry vs. Wayne Bridge

Apparently footballers can get a bit annoyed when you have relations with their former girlfriends, as JT found out. Their showdown at the Bridge, that's Stanford not Wayne, was intriguing to watch, as the Man City player refused to shake the Chelsea captain's hand. A nice bit of pantomime before a massive game, although I suppose Terry doesn't mind so much now as he just lifted the Premier League trophy.



So there we have it, my own Premier League awards. I'm sure you all have different opinions, but these are mine. Overall, in terms of actual footballing brilliance the league season hasn't been that good, but in terms of intrigue, emotion and excitement, the English Premier League has once again proved that it's difficult to beat. And I for one can't wait for next season.

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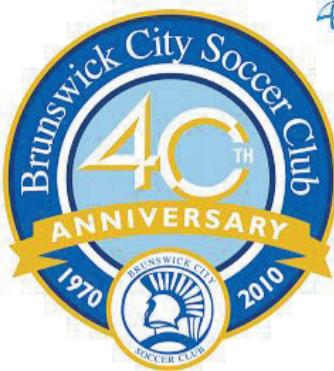


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Abigail Clancy Age: 24

InSignificant Other: Tottenham and England striker, Peter Crouch.



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Friday 14th May
4:30am Bundesliga Play-off Nuremberg vs FC Augsburg LIVE
9:10am Copa Libertadores Internacional vs Estudiantes LIVE

Saturday 15th May
12:10am Russian Premier League Rubin Kazan vs CSKA Moscow LIVE
3pm J-League FC Tokyo vs Shimizu S-Pulse LIVE
8pm Russian Premier League Lokomotiv Moscow vs Amkar LIVE
11:20pm FA CUP FINAL Chelsea vs Portsmouth LIVE

Sunday 16th May
7am Scottish Cup Final Ross County vs Dundee Utd
9:30am Ligue 1 Marseille vs Grenoble
11:30am German Cup Final Bayern Munich vs Werder Bremen
7pm Ligue 1 Lyon vs Le Mans
11pm Serie A Siena vs Internazionale LIVE

Monday 17th May
2am Bundesliga Play-off FCAugsburg vs Nuremberg LIVE
4:30am Serie A Chievo vs Roma

Tuesday 18th May
7:30am Setanta Sports Cup Final St Patricks vs Bohemians

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Saturday May 22nd, 2010
5:30 pm Road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup - This episode looks at the chances of Cameroon and Switzerland at the 2010 FIFA World Cup Final.
6:00 pm Road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup - This episode looks at the chances of Slovakia and Slovenia at the 2010 FIFA World Cup Final.

Sunday May 23rd, 2010
4:00am UEFA Champions League Final - Bayern Munich v Inter Milan.
Live to all centres from the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium in Madrid.
3:00 pm Football Asia - Provides the latest news and updates of the various football leagues across Asia.
3:30 pm Futbol Mundial - Weekly magazine show that travels the globe to bring you the stars of today, the talents of tomorrow and the heroes of the past.
4:00 pm Les Murray's Football Feature: UEFA Champions League Final - Highlights of this morning's match between Bayern Munich and Inter Milan.
5:00 pm The World Game - Presented by David Basheer and Craig Foster. Non-stop news, views, reviews, highlights, features and profiles on football from around the world plus all the results and news from the major competitions and tournaments. Includes commentary from current and former players.
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Sat May 22 Coca-Cola Championship: Playoff Final Blackpool v Cardiff 11.00 pm Fox 3 LIVE
Mon May 24 International Friendly Australia v New Zealand 6.30 pm Fox 3 LIVE
Sat May 29 League One Playoffs: Final TBA v TBA 11.55 pm Fox 1 LIVE

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10:30 pm World Football News
12:45 am The Serie A Highlights Show

Wednesday 19th May 2010
06:00 am Serie A (Rpt)

Thursday 20th May 2010
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Global Football Show
Jacob Kagi and Ian Hooper discusses local, national and international football every Thursday night from 7.30-9pm on WA's SportFM 91.3.



Ghana and Serbia our only chance

The Socceroos Squad 31 man provincial squad came out here are some of my feelings and thoughts. Like Radiohead has sung before, this is a squad that has No Surprises.

The Disappointed

For most of these players training in Europe or playing in the A League or Asia didn't help any of them.

Simon Colosimo, Joel Griffiths, Bruce Djite, Eddie Bosnar, Sasa Ognenovski, James Troisi, Alex Brosque, Jacob Burns, Mile Sterjovski, Chris Coyne, Mathew Spiranovic.

The Lucky Picks

Scott McDONALD, Michael BEAUCHAMP, Jade NORTH. I think Kewell's injury got Scott Mac on the plane and Beauchamp and North's experience with squad instead of form or fitness got both of them picked. Let's just chuck in Brett Holman in here as well as I have him down as an early scapegoat.

Exciting Picks

Dario VIDOSIC, Tom OAR, Nikita RUKAVYTSYA, Nick CARLE. I would love to see all four make the final 23 man squad but I only think Nikita will be the one that makes it. Tommy Oar has been hyped up more than a Michael Jackson funeral.

Injury Concerns

Rhys WILLIAMS (hip), Craig MOORE (old man legs), Scott McDONALD (can only score from a couple of metres out), Josh KENNEDY (has back problems and could snap in two ala Bruce Reid), Harry KEWELL (in an exclusive interview with Harry Kewell's groin, it was quoted as saying: "kill me"), Mark BRESCIANO (back problems), Brett HOLMAN (needs to learn how to breath and run and play football at the same time), Jason CULINA (plays like a crab in that he likes passing and running only sideways), Nick CARLE (talented than most he suffers from the rest of the team being jealous of how many balls he can juggle in a row, 445 at last count), Vin-

zenzo GRELLA (his calf has been suffering from Karma)

The Most Boring Debate Ever

So the most boring debate in Australian Football history is whether enough players from A League have been picked. The Australian football media have been riding the Pim Verbeek comment that: "training in Europe is better than playing the A League" for too long and it's time to hit the snooze button.

13 of the players that have been picked have played in the A League (11) or are currently playing (2), so move on nothing to see here!

Here is the A League list:

Michael BEAUCHAMP (Mariners), Nick CARLE (Jets), David CARNEY (Sydney FC), Jason CULINA (Gold Coast), Eugene GALEKOVIC* (Adelaide United), James HOLLAND (Jets), Mile JEDINAK (Mariners), Mark MILLIGAN (Sydney FC), Craig MOORE (Brisbane), Jade NORTH (Jets), Tom OAR (Brisbane), Nikita RUKAVYTSYA (Perth), Dario VIDOSIC (Brisbane)

The football media buzzword is cull! So who will Pim cull as the 31 players that are picked will be reduced to 23 on the 1st of June? I think the eight disappointed players will be:

Shane LOWRY, Michael BEAUCHAMP, Nick CARLE, James HOLLAND, Richard GARCIA, Eugene GALEKOVIC*, Dario VIDOSIC, Scott McDonald

It's going to be a tense and hectic couple of weeks for the fringe players. Maybe the Australia v New Zealand game on the 24th of May at the 'G will decide those fringe places.

Pim Verbeek has said that the games between Ghana and Serbia are the Socceroos best chance to get points and move into the round of 16. I must say his confidence about qualifying to the next stage has given me some hope that we can do it.

I spoke to my Ghana football correspondent ESPN's Gary Al Smith and Serbian football writer Nikola Burazer from the World Cup Blog.org site and asked them about what they thought of Ghana's and Serbia's provincial squad. This how it went down, Pim's not the only one playing mind games.

Me: So Gary are you feeling confident about Ghana's chances?

Gary Al Smith: Honestly, Con....no, the Ghana squad the coach named last Friday bothers many people, me included. It's a collection of injured and inconsistent players. Yes, Essien is world class but what use is he injured? Mensah cannot play three straight games without back issues at Sunderland...

Me : Same with the Socceroos squad, Kewell got injured again, he will not be anywhere near fit. So what bothers you about the Ghana squad?

GAS: Stephen Appiah only played 45 minutes yesterday for Bologna for the first time in TWO YEARS! Ghana's joint top scorer anywhere in the world plays in Egypt. His name's Eric Bekoe and he's scored 13 goals. Yet, he has been miraculously omitted from the 30 man list.

Me: I saw a story on Abide Pele's three sons on an Aussie football show called the World Game on SBS what do you think about them?

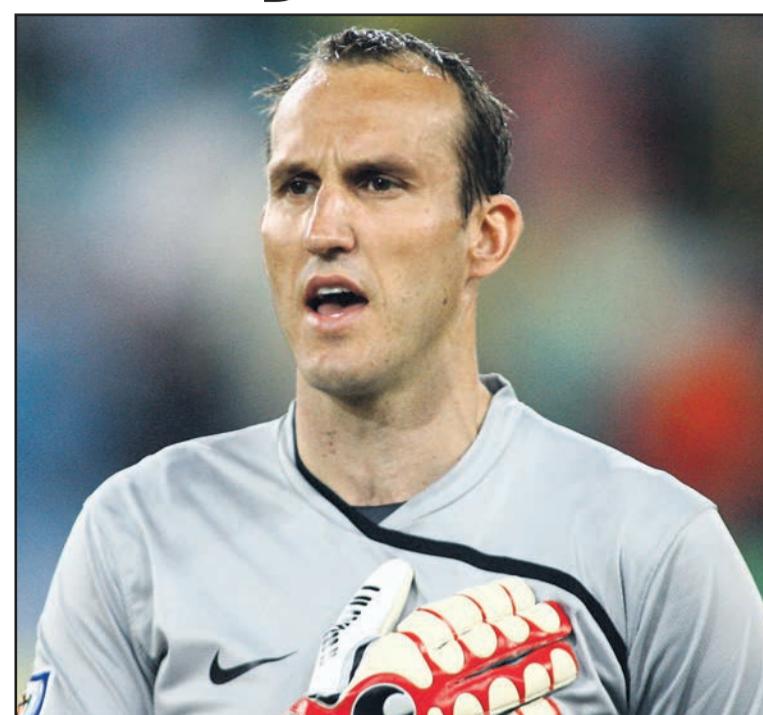
GAS: Abedi Pele's sons: Andre (who won the u-20 world cup) is a shoo in into the team cos he's earned it. Rahim (plays for Zamalek in Egypt) has no bizness in the team, but is there. The last is Jordan, not yet ripe for the senior team at all. We got about two Essiens there. And Asamoah is very good, we'll see how he can handle the big stage.

What about Serbia?

I spoke to Nikola Burazer and asked what he thought.

ME: Hey Nikola are you happy with Serbian squad that was chosen?

NB: I'm actually pretty satisfied with the



With a hand on heart and a prayer from above, Mark Schwarzer appears to have the right idea for SA. PHOTOS: GEOFF JONES

squad, it's consisted of players that have got us so far in the qualifiers plus some youngsters I was actually eager to see. I would've changed a couple of things, but the squad looks fine in general.

Me: You just know the Germans are going to be hard to beat and Serbia seem the inform team with not much talk about injuries to key players

NB: About the injuries, it looked like we're having an injury epidemic after the injuries to Janković, Dragutinović and Lazović, but I guess we're quite fine when compared with most of our rivals. Ghana will probably be without Essien and Mensah, Germany without Adler and Rolfs, and I heard that Cahill and Kewell (two of your best

players, right?) might also be unfit.

About the form, well, I guess it is better than I thought it will be, most of our starting 11 are playing well in the last few weeks and look in good shape before the tournament.

So there it is folks, some inside information on Ghana and Serbia. Perhaps I should have let them both know I was recording the conversation. But this is war my friends, and I have already put on the paint and uniform and I'm not taking it off till the Socceroos get kicked out. No soap at my house for a month and that could be a problem, as just thinking of Germany and Serbia is giving me the runs.

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Clash of football philosophies awaits

Spanish capital Madrid will host the Champions League's finale between Inter and Bayern Munich, with the respective Italian and German champions looking to add to their European trophy haul.

The clash brings together two football masterminds: Jose Mourinho and Louis van Gaal. Ironically, Mourinho learned his ropes whilst under van Gaal's wing between 1997 and 2000, during the Dutchman's tenure with Barcelona. And of course, it was the reigning champions who Mourinho masterfully knocked out of the competition in the semi-finals in what

Both managers have previously hoisted the Champions League trophy aloft with their former clubs. Van Gaal proudly won the title with Ajax Amsterdam in 1995, while Mourinho announced his arrival on the big stage after leading Porto to success in 2004.

Inter were last victorious in intercontinental competition over a decade ago, in 1997/98, when they duly dispatched Serie A rivals Lazio in the Uefa Cup final in Paris. Talismanic captain Javier Zanetti was among the scorers in that game, and will undoubtedly want to repeat such feats come May 22.

Bayern Munich, on the other hand, last tasted European success in 2000/01. Led by outspoken libero Stefan Effenberg, the Bavarians edged fledgling Spanish outfit Valencia on penalties, after both sides had failed to settle the score during normal and extra time.

Now both sides will want to add to their trophy cabinet following recent successes on the domestic stage.

Inter president Massimo Moratti, desperate to lay his hands on the trophy, appointed former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho specifically for the Champions League, which has eluded the Italian outfit for over forty years now.

Indeed, Mourinho has failed to cut a popular figure among the Serie A community, with his vivid media appearances perceived as provocative and undermining by the Italian football fraternity.

The final will prove the great test for the Portuguese, who is looking increasingly likely to swap Inter for Real Madrid, with rumours of a prospective switch to the Bernabeu fast gaining traction through the admission of the man himself.

Bayern, widely regarded as one of European football's foremost clubs, will conversely hope that a final victory will facilitate Germany's usurping of Italy on the coefficient rankings, which would effectively allow for four teams to represent the Bundesliga in the competition.

Head-to-head

1 draw, 2 wins Bayern, 1 win Inter

Players to watch

Inter

When experience counts, then summer acquisition Samuel Eto'o cannot be overlooked. The Cameroonian has scored in two Champions League finals for former



side Barcelona and will be heading into his third final with his past performances safely in mind. His strike partner, Diego Milito, has largely profited from Eto's all-action approach, already notching 23 goals this season after transferring to the Milanese giants from Genoa in the summer.

Bayern Munich

With French winger Franck Ribery suspended from the final, owing to a red card in the semi-final against Olympique Lyonnais, Dutchman Arjen Robben will be charged with the midfield duties. The former PSV star has shone brightly in his maiden season at Bayern, sparing his side's blushes on several occasions in the Champi-

ons League, ultimately justifying his transfer from Real Madrid.

Team news

Inter

Youngster Davide Santon and Ivan Cordoba missed the Siena clash, while Sneijder, Muntari, Thiago Motta, Samuel, Arnaudovic, Materazzi, Balotelli and Cambiasso are reportedly struggling with injuries leading up to the final.

Last starting XI:

Julio Cesar, Maicon, Walter Samuel, Marco Materazzi, Javier Zanetti, Esteban Cambiasso, Thiago Motta, Wesley Sneijder, Samuel Eto'o, Diego Milito, Mario



Balotelli

Bayern Munich

The Bavarians are at almost full-strength.

Last starting XI:

Hans-Jörg Butt, Phillip Lahm, Daniel Van Buyten, Martin Demichelis, Holger Badstuber, Arjen Robben, Mark van Bommel, Bastian Schweinsteiger, Franck Ribéry (suspended for final), Thomas Müller

Prediction

Inter 3 – 1 Bayern

TV: SBS 4am Saturday 22nd May.

FULL NAME: Adrian Zahra
BIRTHPLACE: Melbourne, Victoria
BIRTH DATE: 24/09/1990
HEIGHT: 169cm 5ft 6"
WEIGHT: 65kg
MARRIED: No Way
CAR: Vy Commodore
NICKNAME: Zahra

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Fawkner Blues, North City Lions, Western Suburbs

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: Vic State team, Vic Schoolboys Team

CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Roberto Baggio

FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Lionel Messi, Kaka

FAVOURITE HAL PLAYER: Jason Culina

FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: Mark Viduka

FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: Tim Cahill

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: Scoring 9 goals in under 13's in one match

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: Australia vs Uruguay

MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: Scored a scissor kick in U/15s that's has to take the prize...

EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY: Playing my first game as a junior at the age of 5

FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Running backward into the goal post defending a corner and tripping over...

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not representing Australia at youth level

WORST INJURY: Broken arm.... Nothing besides that... "touch wood"

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Steve Iosifidis

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Epping Stadium

SUPERSTITIONS: Left boot on first

TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Pasta, lollies and bananas

WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Dribbling, Pace

WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Headers

FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: AC Milan, Newcastle United

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: AFL, Rugby, Tennis

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Roger Federer

FAVOURITE FOODS: Pasta, Meat, Chicken, Chips, Salads... A bit of variety I guess

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Will Smith

HOBBIES: Cars, family, friends, going out

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Pelicans Cove, Queensland

FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: Ocean Blue and Two Floors Up

IDEAL DATE: Would have to be Jessica Alba

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Two and a Half Men... Friends... Simpsons and Family Guy

FAVOURITE MUSIC: House, trance, rock, rnb and rap

FAVOURITE FILM: Bad Boys 1 and 2

LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: Italy shirt

FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: That I'm going places. haha

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Dad... Brother and Uncle I'd say have had a massive influence on me

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: The start of the week

FOOTBALL AMBITION: To play at the highest level possible... professional

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Eddie Murphy

YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S WORLD CUP: Italy



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Middle row: Renato 'Ronnie' Branca (Physio), Paulo Retre, Paul Savio, Nicholas Curtis, Chris Petropoulos, Nikolaos Gountaras, Ahmet Turer, Bradley Norton, James Kalifatidis, Peter Kotsiris (Team Manager).
Front row: George Papadopoulos, John Theofilopoulos, Alex Gymnopoulos (Asst. Coach), Peter Tsolakis (Head Coach), Trent Rixon (Captain), Robert Graskoski (Goal-keeper Coach), Harry Kinigopoulos, Eddie Soares.

NORTHCOTE CITY SC was formed in 1960 by a group of Greek immigrants new to Australia with a passion for sport and a need to form friendships in a new country, with soccer being the major connection.

The club has enjoyed varied success since its formation and has

well as reaching the Victorian Premier League (the highest League

in Victorian football).

A milestone in the club's history was moving to John Cain Memorial Park in 1979, which even today is considered one of the state's best football venues.

In its formative years, the club was known as Hercules before adopting the Princes Park Hercules name given that it was playing at Princes Park, before changing venues to Fairfield Park in 1977 and adopting Collingwood City as the club's new name.

The new name was to only last a short time however, and in 1980 the club clinched a significant breakthrough by negotiating with the Northcote City Council a move to John Cain Memorial park and

another name change for the club with Northcote City SC the new identity.

With John Cain Memorial Park being used extensively for Lawn Bowls competitions, international cycling events in the new velodrome and the State Football Centre used for training and matches, it gives our club tremendous exposure and facilities to the broader sports community.

To this very day it is still the club's home and name.

The club first gained promotion into the Victorian Soccer Federation leagues in 1964 after competing in the amateur competitions in its formative years.

In 1965 it achieved its first ever championship winning the Metropolitan League Division 4, suffering only one loss for the year.

In a somewhat golden era for the club, consistent finishes in the upper reaches of the ladder, saw the club achieve a second championship in the 60's with the Metropolitan League Division 3 title won in 1969.

The early to mid 70's saw the club struggling to make an impression on Metropolitan League Division 2 until a wonderful 1977 campaign saw the club finish second to Doveton and thus gain promotion to Metropolitan League Division 1 for the first time in its history.

Another top 4 finish in 1980 saw the club achieve the ultimate and win promotion to the Victorian State League, which would later become the Victorian Premier League.

The 1980's were not kind to the club and many bottom half of the table finishes ultimately saw the club relegated in 1991 back to the State League Division 1 competition.

The 1990's were not much kinder when a Victorian Soccer Federation restructure in 1999 saw the club relegated to State League Division 2, despite finishing 5 places from the bottom of the ladder.

If the 1980 and 90's were not kind to the club, then the first decade of the new millennium is arguably the greatest in the club's rich

history.

An undefeated Championship success in 2002 in State League 2 saw the club regain its standing in State League Division 1, a feat that lasted only until 2006.

However, the undoubtedly turning point came in 2007 when Peter Tsolakis was appointed coach of the club and after a mediocre first year at the helm, back-to-back championships in State League Division 2 South-East in 2008 and State League Division 1 in 2009 saw the club regain its status to the Victorian Premier League in 2010, coinciding with its 50 year anniversary.



McLaren leaves Strikers to join Fury

By Jarrod Ellis

There were two major developments for the Hyundai QSL this past week with Brisbane Strikers and QAS announcing changes at the top.

On Thursday competition heavyweights Brisbane announced that head coach Stuart McLaren had accepted an offer to become an assistant coach at Townsville-based A-League club North Queensland Fury.

McLaren, who first took the reins at the Brisbane Strikers as a player-coach in the final season of the NSL in 2003/04 returned to the club in 2008. Since then he helped guide the club to second position and a losing Grand Final in the 2008 QSL season, before coaching them to the Premiership in 2009. A winning Grand Final, however, eluded him as the Redlands City Devils sprung a surprise in last year's finale, winning 4-1.

McLaren will bring a great deal of Queensland football knowledge to his new role, having identified several players during his time with Brisbane, namely Adam Sarota, Matt Smith, Calum Hare and Jerrad Tyson, that went on to gain roles with A-League clubs.

The loss of McLaren reportedly did not come as a surprise to the Brisbane Strikers board who wasted no time in announcing their succession plan.

"We are pleased to announce that Mr David Large (Stuart's assistant) will step up to the head coaching role" said Mr Aterton-Evans. "David is one of Queensland's most respected coaches and boasts an impressive CV. The club has every confidence

that David will successfully continue the work that he has in fact implemented in conjunction with Stuart".

Large, who has coaching qualifications to the same level as McLaren, will be assisted by current skipper Chay Hews, who will be provided with the opportunity to gain his own coaching credentials over the longer term while continuing his playing career. Brisbane weren't the only side to make a coaching announcement last week as QAS officially welcomed Darren Davies to his new role as coach of their Hyundai QSL team.

Davies completed his UEFA 'A' License in June and has an extensive playing history including stints at Greenock Morton (Scotland) Forest Green (England) Tottenham (England) and more recently was a member of the 2009 Hyundai QSL championship winning Redlands City Devils team.

Queensland State Technical Director Peter De Roo was pleased with the recruitment of Davies to such a crucial role,

"I am happy he is here, as he is a young and very talented coach, familiar with all the elements, content and practices of the current coaching curriculum and courses. His professional playing background certainly helps as he knows what it takes to make it at the top. Darren ticks all the boxes for Football Queensland and the requirements FFA demand of institute coaches."

In the action over the weekend there were two games played on Saturday as NQ Razorbacks hosted Bundaberg Spirit and FNQ Bulls looked to cause an upset against the only undefeated club in the

league, Sunshine Coast.

Coming off a 5-0 thumping of Capricorn last week the Razorbacks would have gone into their game against Bundaberg in a confident mood. In a stark contrast of fortunes the Spirit's promising pre-season has so far amounted to nothing. The Wide Bay club remain rooted to the bottom of the ladder on a solitary point that they secured on the first day of the season, a home draw against none other than the Razorbacks.

Perhaps spurred on by the memories of that draw the Spirit put in a battling first half performance, holding out the home side until the 27th minute when they were unfortunate to go behind 1-0 by their own hand.

Only a minute later Bundaberg's keeper was picking the ball out of his own net as David Mayes continued his sparkling 2010 form to put his side another goal ahead. Bundaberg coach Richard Mitchell has attempted to instil a mental toughness and resilience in his squad in the face of adversity and his side responded as Matthew Mills managed to pull a goal back for the visitors in the 36th minute.

The goal-mouth action abated from there and both sides retired to the dressing room at half-time with the score at 2-1.

The second half saw the Razorbacks dominate possession and convert their superiority into goals. Mayes was again the thorn in Bundaberg's side, scoring a quick fire double in the 54th and 57th minutes that effectively put the game out of the visitor's reach.

Elliott Causer pulled one back for the Spirit in the 73rd minute but Brett Hay

restored the difference only three minutes later and that's how it stayed as the Razorbacks secured a 5-2 victory and outright second place on the QSL ladder.

Up north in Mareeba, FNQ Bulls hosted league leaders Sunshine Coast Fire. The Bulls went down 3-1 last time the two sides met in Round 1, victims of a Sunshine Coast strike force that had amassed 26 goals in only 7 games.

FNQ are normally a different proposition at home though and they proved that through the first half of the game, matching the Sunshine Coast side for long periods of play.

Despite their efforts the Bulls inability to finish their chances came back to haunt them as Sunshine Coast struck late in the match. It was the usual suspects for the Fire as youngster Tyson Holmes and veteran Shaun Blackman both put the ball in the net in the final ten minutes to hand their side a 2-0 away win.

Sunday saw Brisbane continue their recent streak of poor form, labouring to a 0-0 draw again Capricorn Cougars at Ryan Park.

Brisbane have had plenty of problems with the Cougars on the previous two occasions the teams have met this year, firstly in a pre-season friendly at Spencer Park that ended in a 3-3 draw, and secondly in the season opener at Perry Park in which the Strikers escaped with a 1-0 win.

The final match of the round was between QAS and Whitsunday Miners, a fixture that was postponed earlier in the season due to poor weather. QAS coach Darren Davies would have been proud of his charges as

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	GD	Pts
1 Sunshine Coast FC	8	8	0	0	28	10	18	24
2 NQ Razorbacks	8	5	1	2	19	8	11	16
3 Brisbane Strikers	8	4	2	2	15	6	9	14
4 FNQ Bulls	8	4	0	4	17	19	-2	12
5 Capricorn Cougars	8	2	2	4	8	14	-6	8
6 Whitsunday Miners	7	2	1	4	9	14	-5	7
7 QAS	7	2	1	4	15	22	-7	7
8 Bundaberg Spirit	8	0	1	7	5	23	-18	1

RESULTS

NQ McDonald's Razorbacks 5
Bundaberg Spirit 2

FNQ Bulls 0
Sunshine Coast FC 2

Capricorn Cougars 0
Brisbane Strikers FC 0

Queensland Academy of Sport 4
Whitsunday Miners 2

NEXT ROUND

ROUND 9

Bundaberg Spirit v FNQ Bulls

Sat 22 May 7:00pm

Brisbane Strikers v NQ Razorbacks

Sat 22 May 7:00pm

Whitsunday Miners v Capricorn Cougars

Sat 22 May 7:30pm

Sunshine Coast FC v QAS

Sun 23 May 4:00pm

they continued on from their draw with Brisbane Strikers last week, downing the Miners 4-2.

Jayden Liddicoat proved to be the hero for his side, scoring in the 81st and 88th minutes to take QAS clear of a determined Whitsunday outfit.



Jamie Wilesmith (Bulls defender) and Sunshine Coasts Shaun Blackman.
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Kane Alderton (Bulls defender) turned inside out by Yuta Gonai of the Sunshine Coast.
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Marconi opens gap after fourth straight win

By Mike Salter

A fourth win on the trot for Lee Sterrey's Marconi side put them four points clear in the NSW Premier League. In one of five fixtures on Sunday, Marconi needed a late goal to beat the West Sydney Berries 2-1 at the Olympic Athletic Centre and extend their lead in the competition.

Saturday evening's clash saw another late goal, with Sutherland retaining their fifth place by beating the hapless Sydney Olympic at Seymour Shaw. Details of that encounter can be found below.

APIA-Leichhardt continued their stunning revival, a 3-2 upset win at home over Blacktown City putting them on the cusp of the top four after a horrendous start. Two former A-Leaguers did the damage for the hosts, with Franco Parisi scoring a brace and Robbie Younis adding a third in the 82nd minute.

Sydney United looked to be heading to an away win over the Rockdale City Suns after a goal in the first half, but the home side produced an equaliser in the 82nd minute to gain a share of the spoils.

Manly could not produce a result in Phil Moss's last game in charge of the club, going down 2-1 at home to Bankstown City. Moss is leaving to take up the assistant coach's role at the Central Coast Mariners, his successor Craig Midgley becoming the NSWPL's fourth player-coach.

In Sunday's other game, the Bonnyrigg White Eagles got their campaign back on track with a 3-1 away win over the South Coast Wolves.

Sutherland Sharks 2-1 Sydney Olympic
Hosts Sutherland came back strongly in the second half after trailing at the break to overcome a stylish Sydney Olympic 2-1 at Seymour Shaw.

With midfield general Neil Jablonski out injured and star man Panny Nikas struggling with illness, Sutherland began somewhat unconvincingly. Matthew Mayora failed to make the most of a half-chance for the away side in a nervous first few minutes.

On 15 minutes the hosts had their first serious chance, Chris Price firing a right-footed shot wide from the edge of the area. Two minutes later, Jim Bakis, constructive as always on the right, put in a useful cross which Ben Spruce nodded marginally wide.

Slowly Olympic began to take over, with the combination of Matthew



Rockdale City Suns' Stefan Donevski (left) battling Sydney United skipper Joe Vrkic during their round 12 clash on Sunday PHOTO: CARLOS FURTADO/FNSW

Mayora, Anthony Doumanis and the young Dimitri Petratos working some fine moves in midfield. Nikas, clearly struggling, was forced to leave the field on 23 minutes, thereby accentuating Olympic's dominance.

After a period of sustained pressure came a deserved goal for the away side. Following a Sutherland attack, Nick Tsattalios went on an inspired run up from left-back, exchanging passes with the Olympic midfield; the former Sydney FC youngster then worked the ball across to Petratos on the right, whose well-flighted cross was deflected over Nathan Denham and into the Sutherland net by the head of James Monie. A superb team goal.

With Nikas returning to the action, Sutherland crafted some chances in the succeeding minutes. A cut-back from the right was chipped at goal by Price on 35 minutes, and Paul Henderson was forced into a smart save. From the resulting corner, Nick Stavroulakis's fierce drive whistled just wide of the near post, and only a minute later a rare run out of defence from captain George Souris allowed him to connect with a cross from Price; Sutherland's indestructible veteran, however, headed straight at Henderson.

Olympic should have gone into the sheds with a 2-0 lead, when a fine run

and cross from Iain Ramsay reached Monie, who thumped a left-footed shot at goal from close range. Denham did well to smother the attempt.

The second half began with a good chance for the hosts, Blake Powell glancing a header wide from Michael Robinson's cross. Paul Kohler too had a half-chance, striding up from right-back to blast a shot at goal, but finding Henderson on his mettle.

On 58 minutes, Sutherland received an unexpected gift. A free kick from deep on the right appeared to be sailing into touch, until a quite needless handball from Dimitri Petratos saw the home side awarded a penalty. Nikas stepped up to take it, and fired it fast and low into the right-hand corner of the goal. All square.

Petratos attempted to make amends for his error five minutes later, but after storming past Ben Spruce on the Olympic right, he blazed a shot over the top with two Olympic men waiting in the box for a cut-back. Ramsay, highly influential in the second half, broke free on the left on 65 minutes, but emulated his colleague on the other flank by hoisting the ball over the crossbar.

Bakis showed that Sutherland wing-ers too were capable of sending shots

into orbit on 68 minutes, but he did a more effective job thirteen minutes later, finding himself some space on the right before squaring the ball to Ben Vidaic, whose powerful low shot was well-held by Henderson.

Nine minutes from time came the winner. Young Misha Hardwick had come on for Bakis, and the teenager's first contribution was an enterprising run down the right flank followed by a cut-back to Vidaic, who had started the move. The former Sydney FC man made light of a poor first touch by firing a superb shot across Henderson and into the far corner of the goal.

In desperation, Olympic coach Andre Gumprecht sent on a teenager of his own, Aleks Jovovic, but it was Sutherland who looked more likely to add to the score as the final whistle approached. Powell and Hussein Jasli, another substitute, missing palpable chances. Olympic's final opportunity came when Mayora was presented with a free kick from a promising position in the last minute of injury time. The former Perth Glory man blasted it into the Sutherland wall, and that was that. A crucial win for the defending champions in their chase for a finals berth.

NSW LADDER

	P	W	L	Pts
Marconi Stallions	12	9	1	29
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	12	7	2	24
Sydney United	12	7	2	24
Blacktown City FC	12	7	2	24
Sutherland Sharks	12	5	5	17
APIA Leichhardt Tigers	12	5	6	16
Rockdale City Suns	12	3	3	15
Bankstown City	12	3	7	11
Sydney Olympic	12	3	8	10
West Sydney Berries	12	2	6	10
Manly United FC	12	2	7	9
South Coast Wolves	12	2	7	9

NSW RESULTS

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: ROUND 12:
FIRST GRADE: Rockdale City Suns 1 (Pecce Apolevski 82m) Sydney United 1 (Luka Glavas 26m), Manly United FC 1 (Adam Foti 85m) Bankstown City 2 (Hussein Salameh 19m Tallan Martin 55m), APIA Leichhardt Tigers 3 (Franco Parisi 69/72m, Robert Younis 81m) Blacktown City FC 2 (Ozbej Tolgay 71m Bernei Ibini 90m), West Sydney Berries 1 (Jessie Pinto 65m) Marconi Stallions 2 (Alexander Canak 9m Timothy McGowan 87m), South Coast Wolves 1 (Mark Picciolini 26m) Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3 (Daniel Severino 21m Nicola Zonjic 68m) Sutherland Sharks 2 (Pani Nikas 61m pen Benjamin Vidaic 76m) Sydney Olympic 1 (James Monie 28m).

GRADE 20: Rockdale City Suns 0 Sydney United 1, Manly United FC 1 Bankstown City 4, APIA Leichhardt Tigers 0 Blacktown City FC 3, West Sydney Berries 0 Marconi Stallions 5, South Coast Wolves 1 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 4, Sutherland Sharks 5 Sydney Olympic 1.

GRADE 18: APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 Blacktown City FC 1, South Coast Wolves 1 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 4, Sutherland Sharks 4 Sydney Olympic 2.

NSW SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 9: FIRST GRADE: FC Bossy Liverpool 1 (D Cutri 90m) Mt Druitt Town Rangers 2 (W Jajaw 65m E Georges 80m), Spirit FC 3 (B Gough 5/10/20m) Dulwich Hill 4 (A Faris 21/78m J Lucas 36m N Philippou 84m), Fraser Park FC 1 (L Gunn 7m) Granville Rage 4 (D Harding 5m N Bobo 28m P Cappuccio 30m pen K Holbrook 51m), Macarthur Rams 2 (C Gomez 30m S Messam 48m) St George FC 2 (R Lagos 23m I De Jesus 54m pen), Parramatta Eagles 2 Sydney University 1, Central Coast Lightning 0 Northern Tigers 1 (T Spencer 49m).

GRADE 20: FC Bossy Liverpool 3 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0, Spirit FC 1 Dulwich Hill 1, Fraser Park FC 5 Granville Rage 0, Macarthur Rams 2 St George FC 1, Parramatta Eagles 1 Sydney University 0, Central Coast Lightning 2 Northern Tigers 1.

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE: ROUND 9:
FIRST GRADE: Inter Lions 1 (P Polistina 75m) Gladesville Ryde Magic 2 (A Kabbara 36m J Martinez 85m), UNSW 1 (R Weeks 20m) Camden Tigers 1 (A Smutek 55m), Hurstville ZFC 4 (S Glamatovic 20m I Luburic 65m L Gbusseh 80m T Bejanovic 90m) Fairfield City Lions 2.

GRADE 20: Inter Lions 0 Gladesville Ryde Magic 7, UNSW 2 Camden Tigers 4, Hurstville ZFC 0 Fairfield City Lions 1.

NEXT ROUND

Round 13

7pm Sat 22/May S'land Sharks v West Syd Berries
Seymour Shaw Park
7.30pm Sat 22/May Marconi Stallions v Sth Coast Wolves
Marconi Stadium
3pm Sun 23/May Bankstown City v Rockdale City Suns
Jensen Park
3pm Sun 23/May APIA L'hardt Tigers v Brigg W Eagles
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Tidying up for South Melbourne during the 1994-95 NSL season.



In action for Glasgow Rangers.



Lord of the ring with Ernie Merrick in 2009.

The Muscat Phenomenon

When a tousle-haired seven-year-old started running around at Green Gully in 1980 the world can hardly have realised that a phenomenon was in the making. Thirty years later he is still going strong as captain of his club, Melbourne Victory, and an icon of the game in Australia. Fifty-one Socceroo caps, appearances in a World Youth Cup semi-final in front of 100,000 people and an Olympic Games tournament in Atlanta, and leading out his team for an FA Cup final as captain of Millwall, though unable to take the field because of injury. That was the only reason Manchester United won. Tim Cahill was not enough. Kevin would have taken out half the opposition before half-time to ensure victory. (Please note, Kevin, my tongue is firmly in my cheek!)

His senior career began at Sunshine George Cross in the National Soccer League in 1989-90 when Ernie Merrick gave him his first start at that level in a squad which included Sean Keogh, George Alevesios, Luciano Fabrizio, Chris

Ketsakidis, Shaun Parton, Lorenc Kindtner, Ian Roodhouse, Gary Hasler, Ernie Tapai, Craig Foster, John Waddell, Athan Zacharias and Wayne Attard. From there he went to the Australian Institute of Sport and then via a short spell at Heidelberg United to four good years at South Melbourne Hellas. His first foray into England, where he was born, was in 1995-96 with Sheffield United, but then his career took off at Crystal Palace in 1996. From there he went to Wolverhampton Wanderers where he drove the club for five years. Then he joined Craig Moore at Rangers in Glasgow in a season when Rangers won the league, the Scottish Cup and the League Cup. His next move was to Millwall where he saw Tim Cahill begin to emerge as a real star and he helped the club to the FA Cup final in 2004 and the brink of promotion.

When Ernie Merrick came calling to seek his return to Australia to be the face of Melbourne Victory alongside Archie Thompson the timing was right for Muscat and he came home. As they say,

the rest is history. Two national premierships, another grand final, taking part in the Asian Champions League, and a national cup victory have been added to his playing record since 2005. But it is not just on the field that he has made his mark.

He has promoted the game in many unsung ways. He has been a tireless worker at clinics and junior development occasions. He has fronted up to numerous media events, though he professes to finding them difficult. He has fought for his fellow players inside the club and through the Professional Footballers Association.

Many think he has driven Victory to its present eminence rather than the coach or the organisation, but that is an inadequate characterisation of his role. It has been a genuine partnership with all the ups and downs, disagreements and combined efforts which are an integral part of any successful organisation. The sum is much greater than the parts. It has been extraordinary

in world terms. The A-league is probably the only league in world football where one-quarter of the total league attendance has been at the home games of one club. There are other leagues where a duopoly exists, Rangers and Celtic, Real and Barcelona, Dinamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split, which attract the lion's share of spectators, but Victory has only just begun to build rivalry with Sydney FC and Adelaide United, and still outdraws both of them massively.

Kevin Muscat's part in all this will only finally be assessed when he hangs up the boots, but then it is more than likely that he will move into coaching and he has already taken the first steps this year. Whether he succeeds Merrick as head coach is still an open question and it is possible that he might be better to seek experience elsewhere before taking the senior role at Victory. The one thing which is certain is that the game has not heard the last of the man.

By Roy Hay



Young Socceroos Silic, Spasevski, Stojcevski, Muscat, Trajanovski and Kindtner



Muscat at Millwall.

The Muscat Fact File

Full name: Kevin Vincent Muscat
Date of Birth: 07-Aug-1973, Crawley, England
Position: Defender

Socceroo Honours
Total - 51 app. 10 gls.
1993 - Catolica
1994 - Kuwait, Malaysia Under-23
1995 - Argentina
1996 - Japana, Sweden, Sweden, Chile, Saudi Arabia
1997 - Hungary (1 goal), Tahiti, Solomon Islands, Tunisia, Uruguay, Brazil
1998 - Croatia
1999 - World Stars, Brazil B, Brazil B
2000 - Hungary, Czech Republic, Paraguay, Paraguay, Paraguay, Cook Islands (2 goals), Solomon Islands (1 goal), Vanuatu (1 goal), New Zealand, Scotland
2001 - Tonga (4 goals), American Samoa, Fiji, Samoa, Mexico, France, South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, New Zealand, France, Uruguay

(1 goal), Uruguay
2003 - England, Jamaica
2004 - Venezuela, Solomon Islands, Solomon Islands
2005 - New Zealand, Germany, Argentina
2006 - Kuwait

Australian Underage Representative Honours
U/23 - 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games
U/23 - 1992 Olympic Games Lead-up Matches
U/20 - 1993 World Youth Cup Finals in Australia
U/20 - 1991 World Youth Cup Finals in Portugal

Playing Record
Junior Club: Sunshine
1989/90 - Sunshine George Cross (NSL)
1990/1 - Sunshine George Cross (NSL)
1990/1 - Australian Institute of Sport
1991/2 - Heidelberg United (NSL)
1992/3 - South Melbourne (NSL)
1993/4 - South Melbourne (NSL)

1994/5 - South Melbourne (NSL) 17 app + 0 sub. 0 gls.
1995/6 - South Melbourne (NSL) 12 app + 0 sub. 1 gls.
1995/6 - Sheffield United (England)
1995/6 - South Melbourne (NSL)
1996/7 - Crystal Palace (England) 44 app. 2 gls.
1997/8 - Crystal Palace (England) 9 app. 0 gls.
1997/8 - Wolverhampton (England) 24 app. 3 gls.
1998/9 - Wolverhampton (England)
1999/00 - Wolverhampton (England)
2000/01 - Wolverhampton (England)
2001/2 - Wolverhampton (England)
2002/3 - Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1 22 app + 1 sub. 0 gls.
2003/4 - Millwall (England)
2004/5 - Millwall (England)
2005/6 - Melbourne Victory (A-League)
2006/7 - Melbourne Victory (A-League) 20 app + 0 sub. 7 gls.

2007/8 - Melbourne Victory (A-League) 17 app + 0 sub. 4 gls. (2008 AFC Champions League 6 app. 2 gls.)
2008/9 - Melbourne Victory (A-League)
Courtesy OzFootball.net



As a Young Socceroo in '93.



Kevin at Wolves



A-League Champions in 2007.



Green Gully Under-9s.

Five southern and three northern clubs through to next round of cup

By Walter Pless

Tilford Zebras, South Hobart, Tasmanian Institute of Sport, New Town Eagles and holders Clarence United will represent southern Tasmania in the quarterfinals of the Milan Lakoseljac Memorial Trophy state-wide competition in Tasmania after Saturday's round-of-16 stage of the competition.

Devonport City, Burnie United and Riverside Olympia are the three northern Tasmanian sides through to the quarterfinals.

A hat-trick by Ben Crosswell - his third for the season - helped Zebras down north-west coast outfit Ulverstone 5-1 at KGV Park.

Crosswell and Ricky Self missed easy chances from close range in the opening half, while Ulverstone's Brayden Mann went close with a volley after breaking through the Zebras rearguard.

Self then had a header blocked by goalkeeper Chris Smith, while a Henry Fagg header was headed off the line by Ulverstone's William Cox-Haines.

Crosswell put Zebras in front on the stroke of half-time, but Mann headed the equaliser within a minute of the resumption.

Crosswell restored Zebras' lead in the 58th minute following a corner by Jayden Welch, while Dwayne Walsh added the southerners' third after a delightful move involving a long clearance out of defence by Kurt Engels and a headed flick-on by Crosswell.

Welch's pass set up Matt Hall to make it 4-1 in the 78th minute, while Crosswell completed his hat-trick in the final minute when he rose into the air to volley home Adam Young's right-wing cross.

Glenorchy Knights and Burnie United were both guilty of glaring misses in their encounter and the amazing thing was that the sides were level at 0-0 at the break.

Andrew Wright, Sam Cocks and Chris Smith missed simple chances for Burnie, while Knights were let down by misses from James Hope, on three occasions, Will Roberts and Mynonge Kamba.

Amadu Koroma finally broke the deadlock for Knights in the 61st minute following Jade Clay's low cross from the left.

Burnie were level within four minutes, however, when Smith collected Brodie Knights's pass and placed a low shot past the unprotected keeper, Ben Peter.

Two minutes later, Astyn Johnson netted the winner for the northerners when he ran on to Smith's pass and, despite being forced wide by Alex Holmes, slotted his shot inside the near post.

Southern Premier League side New Town Eagles easily overcame second-tier opponents Nelson Eastern Suburbs 3-0 at home at Clare Street through two goals by Adam McKeown and one by Alex Leszczynski.

Southern reigning league champions South Hobart were held to a goalless opening half by reigning northern league champions Northern Rangers, but second-half strikes by Tom Roach and Andy Brennan gave South Hobart a comfortable



Glenorchy Knights' Mynonge Kamba (left) pursued by Burnie United's Chris Smith. PHOTO: WALTER PLESS

able 2-0 win.

The Tasmanian Institute of Sport needed extra-time before downing Somerset 2-1 away at Cardigan Street, their goals coming from 13-year-old Jesse Curran and Hugh Foley.

Cup-holders Clarence United, a southern outfit, overcame Prospect Knights 2-1 away in Launceston at Harley Parade, while southerners Taroona lost 3-2 in extra-time to northerners Riverside Olympic at Windsor Park.

At Lightwood Park, southerners Kingborough Lions United sank without trace, losing 5-0 to north-west coast visitors Devonport City.

Kurt Howard hit a hat-trick and the other goals came from Chris McKenna and Scott Wilson.

In the southern Premier League the previous Sunday, South Hobart opened up an 8-point lead at the top of the standings with a 4-1 away win over fourth-placed Kingborough Lions United at Lightwood Park.

Andrew Davies gave Lions the lead in the 25th minute after a clever set-piece, but that merely spurred the visitors into action and they led 3-1 at the interval through goals by Tom Roach, Shae Hickey and Greg Downes.

Jonathon Lo completed the South Hobart triumph with a strike in the 68th minute from a right-wing cross by Downes.

Statewide Lakoseljac Cup Results

Kingborough Lions 0 lost to Devonport City 5

Northern Rangers 0 lost to South Hobart 2

New Town Eagles 3 defeated Nelson Eastern Suburbs 0

Prospect Knights 1 lost to Clarence United 2

Tilford Zebras 5 defeated Ulverstone 1

NORTH LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Devonport City	6	5	0	1	26	9	15
Northern Rangers	6	4	2	0	22	10	14
Riverside Olympic	6	3	1	2	12	8	10
Prospect Knights	6	3	1	2	17	17	10
Ulverstone	6	3	1	2	17	11	10
Burnie United	7	3	0	4	25	16	9
Somerset	6	3	0	3	14	21	9
Launceston City	6	2	0	4	14	14	6
Launceston United	7	0	0	7	7	47	0

SOUTH LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Hobart	9	8	1	0	25	5	25
Glenorchy Knights	8	5	2	1	23	11	17
Tilford Zebras	9	4	2	3	21	20	14
Kingborough Lions	9	3	2	4	12	17	10
Clarence United	9	2	4	3	13	17	10
New Town Eagles	9	2	3	4	16	16	9
Taroona	8	2	2	4	15	22	8
Hobart Olympia	9	0	2	7	9	26	2

NTH NEXT ROUND

Round 8

Saturday 22nd May 2010
Prospect Knights v Launceston United
Harley Parade KO 2:30 PM

Northern Rangers v Somerset
NTCA KO 2:30 PM

Ulverstone v Launceston City
Ulverstone Showgrounds KO 2:30 PM

Devonport City v Riverside Olympic
Valley Road KO 2:30 PM

Burnie United Bye

STH NEXT ROUND

Round 10

Saturday 22nd May 2010
New Town Eagles v Hobart Olympia
Clare Street KO 2:30 PM

Kingborough Lions v Tilford Zebras
Lightwood Park KO 2:30 PM

Clarence United v Taroona
Wentworth Park 2 KO 6:30 PM

Sunday 23rd May 2010
South Hobart v Glenorchy Knights
South Hobart KO 2:30 PM



Burnie player-coach Sam Cocks launches an attack as Glenorchy Knights' Tony Dzelalija (No. 15) retreats at full speed. PHOTO: WALTER PLESS

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Raiders strike up first win for season

By Nat Adamopoulos

At the Croatian Sports Centre, Raiders fans had something to celebrate as their side posted their first ever win for the 2010 season, coming away with a 3-2 victory against the current in-form side Western Strikers, with goals coming from Matthew Muscroft, Nic Kuzman and Craig Goodwin for the Raiders.

Raiders coach John Duthie had the job in front of him, the Strikers coming off a huge win over Adelaide City the previous week which put them in fourth place on the ladder with four wins from six matches. But the 2009 Martyn Crook Super League Coach of the Year had obviously done his research on the danger men of the opposition, giving Kingsley Francis the job on the zippy midfielder Jordan Spadavecchia and neutralizing supply up front for striker Felipe Garcia Da Silva with his defence. The home-side had a chance to go 1-0 up within the first couple of minutes as youngster Craig Goodwin burst down the wing and into the box to have a shot at goal but missing the target. Goodwin was in fine form on the left and with Sean Brennan on the right, provided Raiders with a double barrelled firepower up front, add to the frey pocket rocket Matthew Muscroft and tall man Nic Kuzman who has looked threatening of late. The visitors were kept busy containing the attacking surges on goal, but Raiders were their own worst enemy with offsides and indifferent passing bringing them down. Despite the Raiders advances, Spadavecchia had a chance in the 19th minute accepting a pass from midfield only to be called offside for breaking early. Raiders took the lead in the 27th minute after

Goodwin was tripped right on the edge of the box by Striker Callum Flanagan. Free-kick specialist Richie Alagich took the shot, curling the ball around the wall to see keeper Sam Lennon get a hand on it but forced to watch it bobble out for an oncoming Muscroft to hit into the back of the net. Strikers worked hard to pull the goal back but Raiders backline of Dalibor Barisic, Danny Hain Paul Mackey and Dejan Markov were rock steady and held strongly, Hain returning to senior football with a vengeance. Muscroft had a chance to make it two at the 36th minute mark, finding himself in front of goal to knock a header in, the shot too soft allowing Lennon to grab it easily. Yasmin Sudic had a chance to level the scores just before half time as Raiders keeper Jason went up for a save, punching the ball out, Sukic running on the shot but spraying it over the bar. Going into the break with only the one goal in it, homeside fans knew they were in for a nervous second half as both sides would battle out for the 3 points.

It took only seven minutes for Raiders to score their second, from a corner kick taken by Goodwin lobbing the ball up and deep into the box for Sean Brennan to shoot in towards goal, Kuzman connecting to slot the ball home giving Lennon no chance at all. The flow on was quick as Raiders went three zip five minutes later when they were awarded a penalty after Flanagan unceremoniously brought down Goodwin in the box, the UK import vocally showing his disgust with the referee. With Alagich being substituted at the break due to a hamstring strain, Goodwin himself stepped up to take the spot kick, drilling it past Lennon with ease. After Kuzman missed out on his second in the 65th minute, to their credit the Strikers did stage a mini

comeback, midfielder Steven Stefanopoulos instrumental in a heroic display of unselfish team football. In the 63rd minute Captain Michele LaStella broke through the Raiders defence to score the Strikers first for the match. This brought on a double substitution from Strikers coach Aldo Maricic taking off the usually effective Spadavecchia for big unit Steven McNeill and the tough Flanagan for one of his speedy youngsters, the change proving to be fruitful within five minutes. After a corner kick sailed past and out of the box at the 70th minute mark, Stefanopoulos sprinted in to set up a three-play, sending a ball in for Flanagan to head up for captain Michele Lastella to nod in for the second in their fight back for points. But in the 84th minute Stefanopoulos paid the ultimate price as he and Brennan clashed nose to knee as they bore down towards a ball in midfield, the Striker having to come off with a heavy nose injury. Eventhough the Western Strikers lads pushed hard trying to get the all important third and equalizing goal, the Raiders defenders handled the pressure well and were able to hang on to the one goal lead to get the three points.

A cautiously jubilant Duthie said it was a much needed win.
"It was a very tough game but a fantastic result and one that was a long time coming, our first win after seven rounds. I am delighted for the players, the supporters and the whole community."

The win shoots them up two places on the ladder, now sitting in seventh spot only 4 points away from second place as 5 teams sit on 10 points.

Other results from around the grounds saw an 8-man Adelaide Cobras be dealt another blow in their 2010 campaign,

going down to Campbelltown City Red Devils 1-4. It was an auctioned packed opening to the match, Cobras captain Paul Karittevlis seeing red in the 30th minute mark for an alleged stomping. But despite the send off, the Cobras drew first blood going 1-0 up care of Dane Milovanovic just five minutes before the half time break. With another two men sent off in the second half, Cobras Evan Kostopoulos and Milovanovic, it was a Campbelltown stream train all the way, with goals coming from Aaron Taye in the 59th, Jason Trimboli in the 80th and 82nd and Alor Bulabek in the 86th.

At Bailey Reserve Cumberland succumbed to yet another loss to Adelaide Galaxy, plummeting them to last spot on the Super League table. Despite the visitors going down to 10 men on the half hour as Evan Metanomski was sent for a 'last man' offence, Galaxy were able to maintain composure with goals coming from tough Galaxy midfielder Steven Kidd and young gun striker Sean McGreevy. The Sunday match at TK Shutter Reserve saw Adelaide Blue Eagles swoop down on top spot MetroStars, defeating the league leaders 2-0. Chad Bugeja went on with his goal tally ticking over nicely with an early goal in the 13th minute and Fortunato Filletti contributed to the score in the 83rd in what was a game that made the normally dominating MetroStars look quite ordinary. It now puts the Eagles in a prime spot in second place with young gun striker Saranti Parisos set to come back in Round 9 from his 8 game penance given out at the end of the 2009 season. Adelaide City finish off the Round playing on Monday against Para Hills Knights at Adelaide City Park.

SA RESULTS

DEVINE HOMES SUPER LEAGUE

Round 7 Results

Campbelltown City 4 (J.Trimboli 2, A.Bulabek, A.Taye) (HT 0-1)
Adelaide Cobras 1 (D.Milovanovic)
Best - Campbelltown (A.Taye, D.Signoriello, M.Deegan)
Cobras (N.Crossley, C.Karitevlis, D.Milovanovic)
Res - Campbelltown 1 Cobras 0
U19 - Campbelltown 4 Cobras 0

Cumberland United 0

Adelaide Galaxy 2 (S.Kidd, S.McGreevy) (HT 0-2)
Best - Cumberland (R.Macdonald, N.Young, D.Carter)
Galaxy (S.Kidd, S.DeGiovanniello, M.Doyle)
Res - Cumberland 1 Galaxy 0
U19 - Cumberland 2 Galaxy 0

Raiders 3 (M.Muscroft, N.Kuzman, C.Goodwin) (HT 0-1)

Western Strikers 2 (M.Lastella 2)
Best - Raiders (M.Muscroft, S.Brennan, D.Barsic)
Strikers (Y.Sudic, S.Stefanopoulos, C.Noujaim)
Res - Raiders 1 Strikers 1
U19 - Raiders 0 Strikers 1

MetroStars vs Adelaide Blue Eagles

Sunday 16 May - 3:00pm

TK Shutter Reserve, Fourth Avenue, KLEMZIG

Adelaide City vs Para Hills

Monday 17 May - 7:30pm

Adelaide City Park, Corner Hilltop Drive & Fosters Road, OAKDEN

Res - Adel City 5 Para Hills 1

U19 - Adel City 5 Para Hills 0

DEVINE HOMES PREMIER LEAGUE

Adelaide Olympic 3 (A.Orlando, T.Mullen, T.O.G.)
Modbury 3 (C.Dean, S.Pearce, S.Day) (HT 1-2)

Best - Olympic (A.Orlando, I.Iandorio, N.Andijanto)
Modbury (M.Kelly, C.Dean, A.Solagna)

Res - Olympic 1 Modbury 2

U19 - Olympic 3 Modbury 6

Croydon 0

White City Woodville 0 (HT 0-0)
Best - Croydon (M.Papacharalambous, C.D'Alfonso, R.Gray)

White City (M.Keens, R.Kgatle, R.Saraceno)

Res - Croydon 2 White City 2

U19 - Croydon 4 White City 2

Enfield City 1 (Jo.Costa)
Pirates 5 (S.Unglaube 2, V.Ribeiro 2, J.Mavromatis) (HT 1-0)

Best - Enfield (J.Costa, M.Graham, D.Martinez)

Pirates (V.Ribeiro, S.Unglaube, J.Mavromatis)

Res - Enfield 5 Pirates 2

U19 - Enfield 2 Pirates 2

West Adelaide 2 (A.Arambatzis 2)

Adelaide Hills 1 (L.Smith) (HT 0-1)
Best - West Adel (C.Robinson, M.Alexandrou, B.Weaver) Adel Hills (A.Kelly, C.Robinson, L.Smith)

Res - West Adel 1 Adel Hills 1

U19 - West Adel 2 Adel Hills 0

Adelaide Comets 3 (R.Mitchell 2, F.Marafioti)

Salisbury United 0 (HT 1-0)
Best - Comets (R.Mitchell, S.Warner, F.Marafioti)

Salisbury (J.Miller, S.Marron, D.McKenna)

Res - Comets 2 Salisbury 2

U19 - Comets 1 Salisbury 8

SUPER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G	D	Pts
MetroStars	6	5	1	0	25	10	15	16	
Adelaide Blue Eagles	6	3	1	2	15	9	6	10	
Adelaide Galaxy	6	2	4	0	8	4	4	10	
Western Strikers	6	3	1	2	14	12	2	10	
Campbelltown City	6	3	1	2	8	9	-1	10	
Adelaide City	6	3	1	2	9	11	-2	10	
Para Hills	6	1	3	2	6	10	-4	6	
Adelaide Cobras	6	1	1	4	9	19	-10	4	
Raiders	6	0	3	3	5	8	-3	3	
Cumberland Utd	6	1	0	5	13	20	-7	3	

NEXT ROUND

Round 8

Sat 29/05/2010

Adelaide Galaxy vs Adelaide Blue Eagles

3pm Con Makris Park

Raiders vs MetroStars

3pm Croatian Sports Centre

Western Strikers vs Adelaide Cobras

3pm Carnegie Reserve

Para Hills vs Cumberland Utd

7pm The Paddocks

Mon 31/05/2010

Adelaide City vs Campbelltown

7:30pm Adelaide City Park

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G	D	Pts
Modbury	7	5	1	2	120	9	11	16	
Adelaide Hills	7	5	1	1	15	8	7	16	
Pirates	7	3	2	2	15	11	4	11	
Enfield City	7	3	2	2	12	10	9	1	9
Croydon	7	2	3	2	10	9	1	9	
Adelaide Comets	7	3	0	4	14	15	-1	9	
Salisbury Utd	7	3	0	4	9	11	-2	9	
West Adelaide	7	3	0	4	7	16	-9	9	
Adelaide Olympic	7	1	2	4	11	13	-2	5	
White City Woodville	7	1	1	5	8	14	-6	4	

Raiders v Strikers: Matthew Muscroft sets the Raiders off to a great start with this goal.

PHOTOS: ADAM BUTLER



Balcatta upsets Athena

By Jacob Kagi

Balcatta caused its second straight significant upset with a 2-1 victory over Floreat Athena in round nine of the Football West State Premier League.

Lucas Whitehouse scored the winner for the Premier League's new side with 11 minutes remaining, completing a shock win over a side viewed by many as title favourites, just one week after it thrashed fellow title contenders Perth 5-1.

Whitehouse scored twice against Perth last Sunday and continued his good form with the goal that gave Balcatta its fifth win of the season.

The victors were viewed as a chance to be in the relegation battle before the season began but have virtually ensured their place in the league next season, even before the competition has reached the halfway stage.

Adam Tong had given Balcatta the lead after 15 minutes before Branimir Mikulic scored the leveller after 21 minutes.

Floreat is now equal on points with Balcatta and has fallen a dangerous distance behind Western Knights and Perth, the sides most people believed it would contend for the title with.

Western Knights moved to the top of the league, at least temporarily, with a 3-0 victory over struggling Armadale. The Knights moved two points clear of Perth before it played its Sunday fixture against Swan United with yet another convincing display.

Veteran striker Stuart Montgomery

put the victors ahead from the penalty spot after 60 minutes, rewarding his side's hard work and pressure.

Simon Versaico then secured the win with goals in the 71st and 84th minutes, continuing his excellent first season with the club after coming over in the offseason from Canning City, who were relegated from the Premier League last year.

Armadale, which has narrowly escaped relegation several times in its time in the top division, has stagnated after its strong start and sits seventh, just four points clear of the drop zone.

ECU Joondalup beat Sorrento in a 5-3 thriller to move four points clear of the relegation zone.

Jamie Watt secured a hat-trick for the northern suburbs side with the first three goals for his side, coming after 19, 40 and 70 minutes.

Jason Mirco scored twice for the Gulls, tying the game with his second goal in the 53rd minute.

Phil O'Callaghan and John Higgins scored in the final minutes for Joondalup to secure its victory, while Billy Quinncroft scored a consolation goal for Sorrento.

Sorrento fell to sixth, two points outside the all important top five.

Stirling Lions held on to beat Mandurah City 4-3.

The Lions led 4-1 after 62 minutes but goals from Andy Brown and Pratt saw Mandurah move within one goal with 11 minutes remaining.

Stirling was able to hold on and took advantage of Sorrento's loss to move into the top five.

Phil Arnold scored a hat-trick for the Lions while Michael Pugilese also scored.

Mandurah fell to 10th and is only two points clear of the relegation zone despite its decent start to the season. Inglewood United beat Cockburn City 2-1 with a late winner to secure the vital victory.

Ryan Clarke scored in stoppage time for United after youngster Jake Geddes had moved United level with five minutes remaining.

Cockburn went ahead after 25 minutes through an own goal from Inglewood defender Rikki Smith.

City remains clear of the relegation zone but only on goal difference ahead of Swan's Sunday clash with Perth while United moved up to ninth and is four points clear of bottom.

HARNWELL JOINS THE FOOTBALL WEST TEAM

Versatile Perth Glory favourite Jamie Harnwell has joined Football West as a Development Officer.

Harnwell will take up the role part-time along with fulfilling his Perth Glory playing commitments for the 2010/2011 Hyundai A-League season.

The Glory star has an accomplished playing career which also includes stints overseas in England with Leyton Orient and FC Vaduz in Liechtenstein.

During his time with Perth Glory he won two NSL championships, was captain and also took out Perth's Golden Boot title on two occasions.

As a coach, Harnwell has looked after the Sorrento juniors, Trinity College students and also running his own private academy for the past three years.

Football West Game Development Manager Andrew Bettell says the addition of Harnwell to the team is evidence of the governing body's close relationship with Perth Glory.

"It is fantastic to see such a great West Australian personality join Football West," he said.

"Jamie will bring his experience to all aspects of the game from grass roots right up to our High Performance Centre, where his high level playing experience will be invaluable to the stars of the future."

Harnwell says he is joining the team at an exciting time for the sport.

"I am extremely proud to be joining Football West at this time, while the game here keeps growing and growing," he said.

"It is great to be given this opportunity, especially while I am still playing, to put something back into the game and hopefully help find and develop players who will be the future of West Australian football."

"I am confident that I can help strengthen the ties between Perth Glory and the WA football community and see an exciting future for both in the coming years."

Harnwell will be working mainly in the Northern corridor developing young talent.

WA LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Western Knights	9	6	2	1	24	11	13	20
2 Perth SC	9	6	1	2	22	20	2	20
3 Floreat Athena	9	5	1	3	22	12	10	16
4 Balcatta	9	5	1	3	20	17	3	16
5 Stirling Lions	9	4	2	3	14	12	2	14
6 Sorrento	9	3	3	3	16	18	-2	12
7 Armadale	9	2	4	3	13	13	0	10
8 ECU Joondalup	9	2	4	3	21	22	-1	10
9 Inglewood United	9	3	1	5	10	18	-8	10
10 Mandurah City	9	2	2	5	15	23	-8	8
11 Swan United	9	1	4	4	8	15	-7	7
12 Cockburn City	9	1	3	5	10	13	-3	6

WA RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

First Team

Floreat Athena 1 (Mikulic 21) Balcatta 2 (Tong 15, Whitehouse 79); Armadale 0 Western Knights 3 (Montgomery 60P, Versaico 71, 84); Sorrento 3 (Mirco 9, 53, Quinncroft 89) ECU Joondalup 5 (Watt 19, 40, 70, O'Callaghan 79, Higgins 85); Stirling Lions 4 (Arnold 9, 47, 62, Pugliese 52) Mandurah City 3 (Insaarraide 34, Brown 77, Pratt 79); Cockburn City 1 (OG Smith 25) Inglewood United 2 (Geddes 85, R Clarke 90), Swan United 2 (Boland 27, Shepherd 96) Perth SC 2 (Onoforo 34, De Felice 93)

Reserves

Floreat Athena 2 Balcatta 6; Armadale 0 Western Knights 3; Sorrento 0 ECU Joondalup 3; Stirling Lions 2 Mandurah City 3; Cockburn City 5 Inglewood United 1, Swan United 5 Perth SC 1

Under 18's

Floreat Athena 3 Balcatta 2; Armadale 2 Western Knights 2; Sorrento 0 ECU Joondalup 3; Stirling Lions 2 Mandurah City 3; Cockburn City 0 Inglewood United 1, Swan United 1 Perth SC 4

DIVISION ONE

First Team

Wanneroo City 1 (Cairney 44) Bayswater City 2 (Karpeh 38, Muralanda 68); Fremantle Spirit 0 Bunbury Forum Force 7 (Ravenhill 16, 57, 68, Quini 34, Chappell 55, Mayers 85, Rodgers 87); Morley-Windmills 2 (Larkin 8, Radonovic 76) Rockingham City 0; Gosnells City 2 (Francis 9, Pomfret 45P) Canning City 1 (Diamond 8P); Dianella White Eagles 4 (Wignall 5, 78, Kuppasamy 9, Njegic 80) Queens Park 0; Ashfield 1 (Harman 92) Forrestfield United 2 (Burns 20, Hart 63)

Reserves

Wanneroo City 2 Bayswater City 3; Fremantle Spirit 1 Bunbury Forum Force 4; Morley-Windmills 3 Rockingham City 1; Gosnells City 2 Canning City 2; Dianella White Eagles 6 Queens Park 2; Ashfield 0 Forrestfield United 1, Ashfield 4 Forrestfield United 3

Under 18's

Wanneroo City 0 Bayswater City 0; Fremantle Spirit 1 Bunbury Forum Force 1; Morley-Windmills 3 Rockingham City 1; Gosnells City 3 Canning City 3; Dianella White Eagles 6 Queens Park 2; Ashfield 0 Forrestfield United 3, Ashfield 0 Forrestfield United 3

NEXT ROUND

Round 10

Sat 22 May 3PM ECU Joondalup v Floreat Athena ECU Joondalup
Sat 22 May 3PM Western Knights v Stirling Lions Nash Field
Sat 22 May 3PM Inglewood United v Sorrento
The Clipsal Stadium
Sat 22 May 3PM Balcatta v Swan United
Grindelford Reserve
Sat 22 May 6PM Mandurah City v Cockburn City Hyundai Stadium
Sun 23 May 3PM Perth SC v Armadale BGC Stadium - Dorrien Gardens

DIVISION ONE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bunbury Forum Force	7	6	0	1	33	5	28	18
2 Gosnells City	7	6	0	1	16	8	8	18
3 Bayswater City	7	5	0	2	23	10	13	15
4 Dianella White Eagles	7	4	1	2	17	12	5	13
5 Forrestfield United	7	4	0	3	19	13	6	12
6 Wanneroo City	7	3	1	3	11	11	0	10
7 Canning City	7	3	1	3	15	18	-3	10
8 Morley-Windmills	7	2	2	3	7	12	-5	8
9 Rockingham City	7	2	0	5	8	17	-9	6
10 Ashfield	7	1	1	5	14	26	-12	4
11 Fremantle Spirit	7	0	4	3	8	20	-12	4
12 Queens Park	7	1	0	6	8	27	-19	3



Sorrento keeper Tom Woodhead claims the ball under pressure from ECU Joondalup striker Phil O'Callaghan in the APB State Premier League clash at Percy Doyle Reserve. PHOTO: PETER SIMCOX



Tuggeranong shocks Blue Devils

By Russ Gibbs

Tuggeranong United sprung a major surprise on Saturday evening shocking table-topping Belconnen United 2-1 and securing their first points of the season in the process in a boil-over at McKellar Park. Whilst a brace of goals to striker Alex Webber did the damage on the scoreboard the performance of all of United's young talent, ably supported by the more mature players in the squad, was sensational.

Webber gave United a dream start as early as the fifth minute ruthlessly firing home from just inside the area after latching onto an inch-perfect through ball. The early goal shook Belconnen to their core and they responded with wave upon wave of attacks on the Tuggeranong goal. Tai Smith, Danny Macor and Dustin Wells all went close but some outstanding defending from Jamie Currie, Sam Turner and Aaron Cashman, along with an inspired performance in goal from Matt McDonald, kept the Blue Devils out.

Belconnen came looking for a response after half-time and duly levelled the scores in the 65th minute when Cameron Reinhart found himself unmarked in the penalty area after a late run to the back post and slid home from close range. United, with the astute Tim Stewart pulling the strings in midfield, responded with vigour. The introduction of Matt Menser proved crucial as the forward engineered the match-winner with eight minutes remaining. Skipping away from a Blue Devils challenge, Menser advanced on goal before squaring into the path of Webber who, much to the delirium of the travelling support, had the simple task of tapping home from inside the six-yard box. The late sending-off of Blue Devils defender Zak Maybury for a second yellow card, along with a horrific knee injury to Callum Beaton, compounded Belconnen's woes as United claimed a surprise victory over former boss Scott Conlon's championship chasers.

Champions Canberra FC were made to work hard for the points by third-placed Monaro Panthers at the Riverside Stadium in Queanbeyan but in the end proved too have too much class and style for the home team. Ian Graham had given Canberra FC a 21st minute lead that proved to be the only goal of the first half and Alex Castro doubled the advantage in the 69th minute. Goran Veljanovski had two excellent chances to score for Monaro but fluffed his lines and was made to pay as Castro struck again in the 89th minute before Adam Spaleta rounded out the match with the goal of the game in stoppage time, a rasping 25 metre curler that flashed into the top corner.

A twice-taken penalty from Ryan Jones, deep into me added-on at the end of the match, gave ANU FC their first points of the season as they defeated Woden Valley 2-1 in the Friday night match at Hawker Football Centre. Jones' first effort had been parried by Woden goalkeeper Jack Pettit but the young goalkeeper was adjudged to have come off his line too early and Jones made no mistake from the re-take. Earlier in the match ANU FC had got off to a dream start with a goal in the ninth minute to striker Mohsen Ravanparsa, before Woden responded in kind through star import Carlos Salazar. After the equaliser the match was evenly contested with both teams having chances to go in front before the fatal lapse in the Woden defence saw the referee issue the penalty from which Jones, at the second attempt, was able to bury to bring



Rebecca Kiting scores Canberra FC's opening goal. PHOTO: RUSS GIBBS

delight to the ANU FC support and despair all round to everyone with Woden Valley connections.

In the battle between the two Premier League newcomers Goulburn Strikers had enough chances to win two matches but were unable to break down a resolute Cooma Tigers defence and the Tigers held on grimly for a 0-0 draw. And goals in either half from Simon Gemmell and Rob Perry ensured that Canberra City moved up to third on the ladder after they won the 'Battle of Hawker' 2-0 against Canberra Olympic.

The Tradies Women's Premier League - Round 6

Canberra FC showed plenty of style and panache in defeating a plucky Tuggeranong United in an entertaining fixture at Deakin Stadium on Sunday by 5-2.

Buoyed by the inclusion of their ACTAS duo Grace Gill and Rebecca Kiting, Canberra FC were too slick for the visitors in the first half with Emily Carnevale, in particular, causing numerous problems with her pace and trickery on the wing. Kiting gave Canberra FC the lead early on and the Canberra United player was joined on the scoresheet by Aurelia Bullot (two), the second lashed in from a tight angle after superb approach work, Hayley McQuire who hustled past three defenders before launching an exquisite 25 metre shot over Natalia Lacey in the Tuggeranong goal and Monique Solar, who arrived at pace to head home another brilliant Carnevale cross. United's goals came from a David Beckham-like free-kick from Julie Ibarra and a long-range chip by Sophie Black with the goals getting the visitors back to 3-2 at one stage before Canberra FC pulled away late in the second half.

Meanwhile the league leaders, Belwest Foxes, continued on their merry way with a resounding 5-0 win over ANU FC at Kaleen Enclosed. W-League players Snez Veljanovska (Canberra United), Cian Maciejewski (Canberra United) and Georgia Chapman (Adelaide United) were joined on the scoresheet by Tahlia Stanley and Hope Wilkins as the Foxes racked up yet another big victory and, once again, kept a clean



TUFC keeper Natalie Lacey punches clear under pressure. PHOTO: RUSS GIBBS

sheet.

Young tyros Woden Valley kept on the tails of the Foxes after a 3-1 defeat of Belconnen United in a highly skilful clash. In what was a good quality game the 2009 ACT Player of the Year, Grace Field, bagged a brace of goals, either side of the interval, to give Woden the advantage and when Ashleigh Palombi netted the third the points were all but secure. Belconnen responded through a sixth goal of the season from Matildas international striker Caitlin Munoz, but it was yet another testing encounter.

In the final match of the day Weston Creek

were far too strong for bottom club Brindabella Blues, coming out 6-1 victors. The result was a much needed boost to Weston Creek who have stuttered in the defence of their title to date and goals from Jessie Pritchard (2), Aleisha Tupper (2), Bridget Meli and Amanda Aurousseau gave some much needed relief to Robbie Mason's troops. Ellen Hearder was the sole scorer for Brindabella who, as usual, displayed a never-say-die attitude throughout what was yet another testing encounter.

NEXT ROUND

Round 6

Fri 21 May KO 8pm Canberra City v Belconnen Utd
Hawker Football Centre

Sun 23 May KO 3pm Tuggeranong Utd v Goulburn Strikers
Kambah 2-1
Sun 23 May KO 3pm ANU FC v Canberra Olympic
O'Connor Enclosed 1
Sun 23 May KO 3pm Canberra FC v Woden Valley
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)

Sun 23 May KO 3pm Cooma Tigers v Monaro Panthers
Nijong Oval

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Canberra FC	5	4	1	0	24	3	+21	18
2 Belconnen United	5	3	1	1	10	7	+3	10
3 Canberra City	5	3	1	1	7	6	+1	10
4 Goulburn Strikers	5	2	1	2	11	6	+5	7
5 Monaro Panthers	4	2	1	1	7	6	+1	7
6 Canberra Olympic	5	2	1	2	5	6	-1	7
7 Cooma Tigers	5	1	2	2	6	7	-1	5
9 ANU FC	4	1	0	3	3	8	-5	3
9 Woden Valley	5	1	0	4	6	14	-8	3
10 Tuggeranong United	5	1	0	4	5	20	-15	3

WPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Belwest Foxes	6	6	0	0	26	1	+25	18
2 Woden Valley	5	4	0	1	19	4	+15	12
3 Canberra FC	5	3	1	1	13	16	-3	10
4 Weston Creek	5	2	2	1	11	5	+6	8
5 Belconnen United	5	1	2	3	10	6	+4	5
6 Tuggeranong United	5	1	1	3	6	14	-8	4
7 ANU WFC	5	1	0	4	6	16	-10	3
8 Brindabella Blues	6	0	0	6	4	33	-29	0

ACT RESULTS

Belconnen United 1 (Cameron Reinhart 65') Tuggeranong United 2 (Alex Webber 5', 82')

Woden Valley 1 (Carlos Salazar 26') ANU FC 2 (Mohsen Ravanparsa 9', Ryan Jones 90+4' (pen))

Goulburn Strikers 0 Cooma Tigers 0

Monaro Panthers 0 Canberra FC 4 (Ian Graham 21', Alex Castro 69', 90', Adam Spaleta 89')

Canberra Olympic 0 Canberra City 2 (Simon Gemmell 38', Rob Perry 90')

WPL

Weston Creek 6 (Jessie Pritchard 2), Aleisha Tupper 2), Bridget Meli, Amanda Aurousseau Brindabella Blues 1 (Ellen Hearder)

Belwest Foxes 5 (Tahlia Stanley, Cian Maciejewski, Snez Veljanovska, Georgia Chapman, Hope Wilkins)

Woden Valley 3 (Grace Field 2), Ashleigh Palombi) Belconnen United 1 (Caitlin Munoz)

Canberra FC 5 (Aurelia Bullot 2), Rebecca Kiting, Monique Solar, Hayley McQuire) Tuggeranong United 2 (Julie Ibarra, Sophie Black)

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SATURDAY MORNING

**SOCcer CLINICS
SKILLZ (6-12), TINY TOTS (3-5)**



Boys South-South East 13 C: Kingston City 0 Brighton 2, Dandenong City 5 Lyndale Utd 1, Keysborough Berwick City, Casey Comets 4 Beaumaris 1, Aspendale 11 Frankston Pines 0, Bayside Argonauts 0 North Caulfield 3

Boys South-South East 16 B: East Bentleigh 0 Berwick City 7, Southern Stars 5 Hampton 0, Peninsula 1 Heatherston Utd 2, Brighton 0 North Caulfield 3

Boys South 12 A: Dandenong Thunder Dandenong City, Peninsula 3 Berwick City 1, South Eastern Piranhas 11 Doveton 0, Mornington Bye

Boys South 12 B: Hampton Park Utd 5 Baxter 0, Langwarrin 0 Doveton 5, Peninsula 3 Endeavour Utd 0, Mornington 2 Berwick City 1

Boys South 12 C: Keysborough Berwick City, Peninsula 1 Heatherston Utd 4, Mornington Berwick City, Westernport 0 Carrum Utd 1, James Cook FC Casey Panthers

Boys South 13 A: Hampton Park Utd 3 Dandenong City 1, South Eastern Piranhas 2 Langwarrin 4, Springfield White Eagles 3 Doveton 1, Mornington 0 Berwick City 2

Boys South 13 B: Endeavour Utd 7 Carrum Utd 3, Langwarrin 0 Casey Comets 6, Peninsula Southern Stars, White Star Dandenong 5 Baxter 1, Mornington Berwick City

Boys South 14 A: Doveton Bye, Hampton Park Utd 3 South Eastern Piranhas 2, Peninsula 0 Casey Comets 2, South Springvale 1 Berwick City 3, Mornington 1 Dandenong Thunder 0

Boys South 14 B: Keysborough Berwick City, Langwarrin 1 Doveton 2, Peninsula 0 Lyndale Utd 8, Seaford Utd 7 Carrum Utd 0

Boys South 14 C: Casey Comets 5 Westernport 0, Dandenong City 5 Casey Panthers 1, Dandenong Warriors Rosebud, Hampton Park Utd 5 Baxter 1

Boys South 15 A: Doveton Bye, Endeavour Utd 2 Dandenong City 2, Keysborough Berwick City, Peninsula 4 South Eastern Piranhas 2, Springfield White Eagles 1 Dandenong Thunder 4

Boys South 15 B: Casey Comets 11 Frankston Pines 0, Endeavour Utd 3 Berwick City 0, Langwarrin 6 Baxter 1, Mornington 1 Carrum Utd 3, James Cook FC Peninsula

Boys South 16 A: Keysborough Berwick City, Langwarrin 0 Hampton Park Utd 10, Peninsula Bye, White Star Dandenong 2 Casey Comets 4, Mornington 1 South Eastern Piranhas 1

Boys West 12 A: Green Gully Cavaliers Hoppers Crossing, Melbourne Knights 0 Altona City 1, Brimbank Stallions 0 Ballarat Academy of Soccer 0, Keilor Park St Albans Saints, Sydenham Park 0 North Geelong Warriors 1

Boys West 12 B: Green Gully Cavaliers Sunshine Heights, Bye Bell Park, Keilor Park 10 Altona City 4, Keilor Park 2 1 Spring Hills 2, Laverton Park 2 Cairnlea 2

Boys West 13 A: Green Gully Cavaliers Hoppers Crossing, Sunshine George Cross 2 Keilor Park 2, Melbourne Knights Altona City, Brimbank City 1 Brimbank Stallions 2, Werribee City 5 St Albans Saints 1

Boys West 13 B: Green Gully Cavaliers Ballarat Academy of Soccer, Laverton Park 2 Cairnlea 2, Williamstown 1 Keilor Park 3, GRFA Brimbank Stallions . Bye Altona East Phoenix

Boys West 13 C: Sunshine George Cross 8 Williamstown 2, Oak Park SC Spring Hills, Hoppers Crossing North Geelong Warriors, Bye Westvale

Boys West 14 A: Green Gully Cavaliers Hoppers Crossing, Melbourne Knights Altona City, Keilor Park 1 Ballarat Academy of Soccer 0, GRFA2 Altona Magic 1, Bye Cairnlea

Boys West 14 B: Green Gully Cavaliers Sunshine Heights, Brimbank Stallions 5 Cairnlea 1, Sydenham Park Bye, Williamstown 2 Keilor Park, Keilor Wolves 2 St Albans Saints 7

Boys West 14 C: Altona City 0 Western Eagles 3, Satellite City Utd Williamstown, Werribee City Bye, Point Cook FC Melton

Boys West 15 A: Green Gully Cavaliers Sunshine George Cross, Brimbank City 2 Ballarat Academy of Soccer 1, Geelong 0 Altona City 6, Keilor Park GRFA

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Boys West 16 B: Melton 0 Cairnlea 5, Satellite City Utd Bye, Western Eagles 1 Hoppers Crossing 0, Williamstown 0 Keilor Park 2, Spring Hills 0 St Albans Saints 1

Girls Central - North East - East 18: Diamond Valley Utd Bye, Richmond 3 Knox City 0, Whitehorse Utd 2 Boroondara Eagles, Whitehorse Utd 1 0 Yarra Jets 0

Girls North West 12 A: Box Hill Inter 5 Banyule City 0, Whitehorse Utd 1 St Albans Saints 3, Ashburton 3 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Richmond 0 Boroondara Eagles 0, Richmond Bundoora Utd

Girls North West 12 B: Essendon Royals 11 Brunswick Zebras 0, Watsonia Heights 0 Alphington 1, Diamond Valley Utd 1 Keilor Park 0, Pascoe Vale 6 Kensington JGSC 1, Eltham Redback FC Green Gully Cavaliers

Girls South East - South 18 : Bye Casey Comets, Hampton Park Utd 4 Langwarrin 0, Springvale White Eagles 1 East Bentleigh 2 0, Brighton 1 East Bentleigh 1 4

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FC Clifton Hill	5 4 0 1 12 4 12			Carrum Utd	5 3 1 1 9 7 10		Heidelberg Utd	4 1 0 3 4 18 0			P W D L F A PT	4 0 0 4 20 0			
Boroondara Eagles	5 4 0 1 9 4 12			Brighton 1	5 2 1 2 9 5 7		Brunswick Zebras	4 0 0 4 2 19 0			P W D L F A PT	11 Kang Blue (Sat)			
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Boroondara Eagles	5 2 0 3 8 7 6			Berwick City	5 1 2 2 12 7 5			P W D L F A PT			P W D L F A PT	4 3 1 0 18 4 10			
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Altona City opens season account

By Niki Cook

A quirk of scheduling meant that Round 6 of the Victorian Women's Premier League saw all teams face opposition that was adjacent to them on the ladder, and results generally favoured the teams with the marginally higher ladder position. There were wins for Bendigo and Heidelberg, with Altona City also saluting for the first time this season.

Bendigo Vipers chalked up its second win on the season with a solid 3-0 victory over Preston Lions at Churchill Reserve in Benalla on Saturday, and propelled it to fifth on the ladder in the process. Not generally known as a high-scoring side, the win is the first time Bendigo has won by more than two goals since the beginning of April 2007, and provides a valuable boost to its goal difference. The home side took a slender lead into the interval, having found the net once in the first half, and it added a further two unanswered goals after the break. Ilona Jakab scored twice, with Maika Ruyter-Hooley adding the other. Defeat for Preston, its third of the season, sees it drop to seventh on the ladder.

Heidelberg United had been smarting for three weeks after its surprising defeat by Sandringham, having had a bye and a postponement in the meantime, but it made the most of its return to a competitive fixture, seeing off Casey Comets 3-1 at Comets Stadium on Sunday. United had started the day ahead of its opponent on goal difference only, and it ended the match with a three point buffer over Casey, thanks largely to its first half performance. Two goals in the opening period set up the win for the visiting side, with both teams scoring once after the break. Tyla Vlajnic was one of the goal-scorers for United, with Nicola Prins on target for the home side. United remains fourth on the ladder, while Casey slip a place to sixth.

Altona City emerged victorious in the battle of the basement at McIvor Reserve, as it saw off South Melbourne to record its first points in the top flight. In a real arm wrestle of a game, Kerry Little broke the deadlock in the second half to score the only goal of the game, and give Altona its first victory. Both teams went into the game having lost all of their previous matches in the WPL this season, so there was plenty at stake. The result leaves South bottom of the ladder, with Altona three points above it.

The final match of the round takes place on Monday night, with Sandringham hosting Ashburton at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex, with the winner to overtake Box Hill Inter at the top of the ladder.

Round 7 of the WPL begins in tantalising fashion on Friday night, with a Grand Final rematch at Wembley Park between Box Hill Inter and Heidelberg United. Inter has generally been in imposing form so far this year, although Bendigo showed that it could be shut out, while Heidelberg has also looked strong, despite faltering



Comets keeper Emma Bracken makes a timely save off Heidelberg's Sarah Groenewald. Medina Asanovski is in support. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



With Katie Neville beaten, Nicola Prins follows through after heading Casey Comets only goal. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

WPL RESULTS

Bendigo Vipers 3
(M Ruyter-Hooley 1 Jakab 2)
Preston Lions 0

Casey Comets 1 (NJ Prins)
Heidelberg Utd 3 (TJ Vlajnic)

South Melbourne Womens 0
Altona City 1 (K Little)

Reserves: BASL 2 Preston Lions 1, Casey Comets 0 Heidelberg Utd 0, South Melbourne 2 Altona City 0

WPL NEXT ROUND

Box Hill Inter v Heidelberg Utd
Wembley Park
Fri 21 May KO 8:30PM

Altona City v Preston Lions
HC Kim Reserve
Sun 23 May KO 1:00PM

Ashburton v Casey Comets
Ashburton Park
Sun 23 May KO 3:00PM

Sandringham v South Melbourne
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Mon 24 May KO 8:30PM

Bye v Bendigo Vipers

WPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Box Hill Inter	5	3	2	0	11	1	11
Sandringham	5	3	2	0	8	5	11
Ashburton	4	3	0	1	15	5	9
Heidelberg Utd	4	3	0	1	10	3	9
Bendigo Vipers	5	2	1	2	4	6	7
Casey Comets	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
Preston Lions	5	1	1	3	6	14	4
Altona City	5	1	0	4	3	12	3
South Melbourne	5	0	0	5	2	13	0

WPL RESERVES

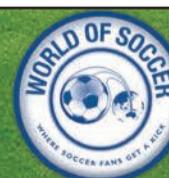
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashburton	4	3	1	0	20	3	10
Sandringham	5	3	1	1	9	6	10
BASL	5	3	0	2	8	15	9
Heidelberg Utd	4	2	2	0	7	4	8
South Melbourne	5	2	1	2	10	7	7
Casey Comets	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
Box Hill Inter	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Preston Lions	5	0	1	4	2	12	1
Altona City	5	0	0	5	3	17	0

against Sandringham. On Sunday, Altona City and Preston Lions face off at HC Kim Reserve, with Altona likely to now fancy its chances as it goes into the match on the back of a morale boosting victory, while Preston suffered a heavy loss at Bendigo.

Also on Sunday, Ashburton meets Casey Comets at Ashburton Park, in a match that both teams will see as both winnable, and vital to their chances of making finals. Finally, on Monday night, South Melbourne will again go looking for its first point of the season, but will face stiff opposition in the form of Sandringham at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex.

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Zebras go top, as Blues tame Lions

By Aritro Abedin

Round six of State League Division 1 saw the Whittlesea Zebras complete their fourth successive win to go top, with a whole host of clubs sitting one point behind them in the table.

Fawkner Blues 2 vs FC Buleen Lions 1

High-flying Fawkner notched up another excellent home result with a 2-1 win over the dangerous Buleen at CB Smith Reserve. Ridvan Saglam gave the home side the advantage with a 25th minute wonder-strike, rifling it into the back of the net from the corner of the box to send Fawkner into the break at 1-0 up. Buleen pulled one back in the middle of the second half with veteran Anthony Magnacca making the most of a controversial penalty decision, with the foul possibly having occurred outside the box. However, just as the Lions looked assured of a valuable away point, the home side re-grouped and took the honours in dramatic circumstances as star striker Robert Dolevski broke through with a 92nd minute winner. Coach Ken Murphy re-organised his team to nullify Buleen's tactics, and his maneuvering was vindicated by the scoreboard. 'They play a 4-4-2 and defend tightly and work hard in midfield, but they also like to build from the back. So we put three up front to stop them from doing that and push their full-backs and we could have been 3-0 up at half time. When you're six games into a 22 game season, you can start to see a pattern in terms of who's going to be up there and who's not, and right now we're one point off top so it looks like we're going to be right up there at the end of the season.'

Langwarrin 2 vs St.Albans 2

The crowd were treated to a pulsating encounter at Lawton Park Reserve on Saturday as Gus McLeod's men snatched a point from visiting St.Albans with a late equalizer. The match took some time to kick into gear after a scoreless first half, with Maks Cruze sending the visitors ahead early in the second. A Chris Driver penalty then evened the ledger for Langwarrin until Mark Paleka popped up with a neat finish to again put St.Albans in front. At this point the Saints looked to have the points in the bag but a wonderfully worked Langwarrin set-piece took the result away from them, with Simon Mur smashing in a free-kick that was passed across the face of the goal to give his side a share of the spoils. Langwarrin coach Gus Mcleod was pleased with the point, and commended his players' discipline. 'We knew they were a physical side, and they've got dangerous front men, but our organization was good and we played well all over the park.'

FC Clifton Hill 0 vs Springvale White Eagles 4

Elementary errors from the FC Clifton Hill defence were once again at fault in what was a soul-destroying 4-0 home loss to Springvale White Eagles. The Eagles were gifted their first goal as a Clifton Hill defender attempted to control the ball inside his own box, succeeding only in allowing Dushan Nikolic through for a one-on-one with the keeper which he duly converted. They then handed Springvale another goal as a Clifton Hill defender played the ball into his own net, and their team morale hit rock-bottom from then as the Eagles ran out easy 4-0 winners, with Paul Maghia also getting on the scoresheet. Clifton Hill coach Ivan Jolic struggled to contain his frustrations after the match. 'We've had a torrid run, let's not beat around the bush, we're down in the doldrums. We all have to ask ourselves serious, everyone from the coaches down to the youngest player in the squad. All our results are down to schoolboy errors,



Jose Portillo (Clifton Hill) goes down in a tussle with Eagles pair Rados Tomic (right) and Zoran Vukas
PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

and honestly, if we could eliminate those schoolboy errors we'd be right at the apex of the table. Our best players today were our oldest player and our youngest player—the guys in their mid-20s really need to step up and start dominating games because that's just not right.' However, he refused to give up on his team's chances for the season. 'No one has outplayed us. We just give away silly goals and give the opposition confidence. I honestly think we're one or two wins away from getting our season back on track.'

Whittlesea Zebras 3 vs Pascoe Vale 1

The Zebras continued their recovery from successive losses in the opening weeks to notch up their fourth consecutive win for the season, comfortably dealing with Pascoe Vale in a 3-1 result at Epping Soccer Stadium. Young gun Simon Tolli continued his eye-catching form, scoring the opening goal of the match before a controversial strike from Adrian Talarico restored parity for the visitors. There was some doubt as to whether the ball actually crossed the line but it mattered little in the end as a Martin Collins header put the Zebras in front, before Simon Tolli popped up again and completed his double to put the result beyond doubt.

Western Suburbs 4 vs Malvern City 2

Lorenz Kindtner's side dominated the possession for the full 90 minutes as they ran out 4-2 winners over visiting Malvern City. Suburbs' teenage sensation Nicholas Scerri capped off a superb performance with a double, while Nikola Raoma also got the on the score-sheet. However, Kindtner faces a re-modelling of his side with several players either leaving or injured. 'Nick Scerri's actually going away on a scholarship to Torquay United, so we won't have him for the rest of the season. We've also got another player whose visa's run out, and Alex Khrapko's going to miss a few weeks. With a few red cards it gets really tough, so we're going to have to have a look around and bring someone in before the transfer window.'

Preston Lions 0 vs North Geelong Warriors 3



Steve Manceski (Clifton Hill), opposed by Kruno Stanisic (Eagles), is about to blast a shot at goal. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



Clifton Hill's James Karanicolas (right) clashes with Zoran Vukas (Eagles). Rados Tomic looks on. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

SL1 RESULTS

Fawkner Blues 2
(R Saglam R Dolevski)
FC Buleen Lions 1
(A Magnacca)

FC Clifton Hill 0
Springvale White Eagles 4
(D Nikolic P Maghia Own Goal),

Langwarrin 2
(S Mur C Driver)
St Albans Saints 2
(MJ Cuze M Paleka)

Whittlesea Zebras 3
(M Collins N Sarbin S Tolli)
Pascoe Vale 1
(A Talarico)

Western Suburbs 4
(N Raoma N Scerri 2)
Malvern City 2
(S Groom P Madondo)

Preston Lions 0
North Geelong Warriors 3

Under 21s:
Fawkner Blues 0 FC Buleen Lions 0, FC Clifton Hill 0 Springvale White Eagles 2, Langwarrin 2 St Albans Saints 1, Western Suburbs 5 Malvern City 1, Whittlesea Zebras 2 Pascoe Vale 1,

SL1 NEXT ROUND

Round 8
Nth Geelong Warriors v Western Suburbs
Elcho Park
Sat 21 May KO 8:30PM

Malvern City v Fawkner Blues
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sat 22 May KO 3:00PM

FC Buleen Lions v FC Clifton Hill
Veneto Social Club
Sat 22 May KO 4:00PM

Preston Lions v Whittlesea Zebras
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 23 May KO 3:00PM

St Albans Saints v Pascoe Vale
Churchill Reserve
Sun 23 May KO 3:00PM

Springvale White Eagles v Langwarrin
White Eagles Stadium
Mon 24 May KO 8:30PM

SL1 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Whittlesea Zebras	6	4	0	2	10	6	12
FC Buleen Lions	6	3	2	1	13	3	11
Springvale White E	6	3	2	1	11	7	11
Western Suburbs	6	3	2	1	11	7	11
Fawkner Blues	6	3	2	1	9	8	11
Langwarrin	6	3	1	2	13	9	10
Pascoe Vale	6	3	0	3	6	9	9
St Albans Saints	6	2	4	0	14	10	7
Nth Geelong Warriors	4	0	3	1	3	5	3
FC Clifton Hill	6	1	0	5	7	13	3
Malvern City	5	1	0	4	3	12	3
Preston Lions	5	0	0	5	3	14	0

SL1 U21 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Buleen Lions	6	4	2	0	11	5	14
Langwarrin	6	4	1	1	9	4	13
Nth Geelong Warriors	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
Western Suburbs	6	3	1	2	14	15	10
Pascoe Vale	6	3	0	3	15	9	9
St Albans Saints	6	3	1	2	12	10	7
Springvale White E	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Whittlesea Zebras	6	1	3	2	6	8	6
Fawkner Blues	6	1	2	3	4	7	5
FC Clifton Hill	6	1	1	4	5	10	4
Malvern City	5	1	1	3	7	15	4
Preston Lions	5	1	0	4	7	11	3

All matches to be played on Saturday 22nd May
with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

State NW 1

Whittlesea Ranges v Brunswick City

Epping Soccer Stadium Fri 21 May KO 8:30PM

Altona City v Sydenham Park

HC Kim Reserve

Banyule City v Altona East Phoenix

Yallambie Park Reserve

Geelong Rangers v Moreland City

Myers Reserve

Werribee City v Port Melbourne

Galvin Park Reserve

Williamstown v Ballarat Red Devils

JT Gray Reserve

State SE 2

Eastern Lions v Diamond Valley Utd

Gardiners Creek Reserve

Berwick City v Morwell Pegasus

Jack Thomas Reserve

Dandenong City v Doncaster Rovers

Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve

Southern Stars v Casey Comets

Ross Reserve

Heatherton Utd v Frankston Pines

Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre

Southern Suburbs v Knox City

Keeley Park

State NW 3

Hume Utd v Lalor

Laura Douglas Reserve

Keilor Park v Geelong

Keilor Park Reserve

La Trobe University v Yarraville Glory

Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Field

Maribyrnong Greens v Sunbury Utd

Skinner Reserve

Melbourne Uni Rangers SC v Cairnlea

Princes Park (Parkville)

Essendon Utd v Westgate

Aberfeldie Park

State SE 3

Croydon City Arrows v Nunawading City FC

Dorset Recreational Reserve Fri 21 May KO 8:30PM

Fitzroy City v Brandon Park

Fairfield Park

Peninsula Strikers v Kingston City

Centenary Park

South Springvale v Springvale City

Warner Reserve

Mornington v Waverley Wanderers

Dallas Brooks Park

North Caulfield v Noble Park Utd

Caulfield Park Sun 23 May KO 3:00PM

Provi NW 1

Corio v Avondale Heights

Hume Reserve, Geelong North

Elwood City v North City Lions

Elwood Park

Melbourne City v Laverton Park SC

Edwards Reserve

North Sunshine Eagles v Westvale

Larissa Reserve

Northern Falcons v South Yarra

Hayes Park

Whittlesea Utd v FC Strathmore

Thomas Street Recreational Reserve

Provi SE 1

Warragul Utd v Beaumaris

Baxter Park (Warragul)

Boroondara Eagles v Sandringham City

Macleay Park

Dandenong Sparrows v Doveton

Fotheringham Reserve

Moorebank v Monash University

Esther Park Reserve

Monbulk v Old Scotch

Monbulk Recreational

Old Melburnians v Old Camberwell Grammar

Robert Menzies Reserve

Provi NW 2

Collingwood City v Melbourne Tornado

Kevin Bartlett Reserve

Lalor Utd v Bell Park

HR Uren Reserve

Melton v Epping City

MacPhersons Park

Moreland Utd v Surf Coast

Moomba Park Reserve

Plenty Valley Lions v West Preston

Sycamore Reserve

Western Eagles v Hoppers Crossing

Polish Sports & Recreational Reserve

Provi SE 2

Skye Utd v Uni. of Melbourne Blues SC

Skye Recreational Reserve

Caulfield Cobras v Ashburton

Victory Park

Lyndale Utd v Riversdale

Lyndale Secondary School

Old Carey v Endeavour Utd

Carey Sports Complex

Old Brighton Grammarians v Berwick Kings

Dendy Park

Bayside Argonauts v Whitehorse Utd

Shipston Reserve

Provi NW 3

Mill Park v Balmoral

Findon Reserve

Watsonia Heights v Darebin Utd

Gabonia Reserve

Youth Utd v Keilor Wolves

Seth Raistrick Reserve

Brunswick Zebras v Meadow Park

Eagles Summer Park

Bundoora Utd v Upfield

Hills Recreational Reserve

Northern Roosters v Brimbark Stallions

Gibb Reserve

Provi SE 3

East Bentleigh v Eltham Redbacks

Bailey Reserve

Manningham v Glen Waverley FC

Timber Ridge Reserve

Essendon Royals v Keysborough

Ormond Park

Old Trinity Grammarians v Noble Park

Trinity Sports Ground

Rowville Eagles v Brighton

Park Ridge Reserve

Seaford Utd v White Star Dandenong

North Seaford Reserve

RESULTS & LADDERS

State & Provisional Leagues - Round 6

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weekly

Seniors

STATE NORTH WEST 2

Reserves

Port Melbourne 3 (T Paton R O'Hare P Tichy) Williamstown 1 (M Maljanek), Altona East Phoenix 1 (S Iosifidis) Brunswick City 1, Ballarat Red Devils 2 Whittlesea Ranges 4, Banyule City 4 (A Bakri O Ayache N Papadopoulos) Geelong Rangers 0, Moreland City 3 (A Arengi L Lucchesi) Altona City 4 (J Little AB Lynn M Mintoff 2), Sydenham Park 0 Werribee City 1

Port Melbourne 2 Williamstown 0, Altona East Phoenix 1 Brunswick City 3, Ballarat Red Devils 2 Whittlesea Ranges 4, Banyule City 4 Geelong Rangers 0, Moreland City 3 Altona City 2, Sydenham Park 1 Werribee City 0

P W D L F A PT

P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
6	5	1	0	13	4	16
6	4	1	1	14	9	13
6	4	1	1	9	4	13
6	4	1	1	9	5	13
6	3	2	1	7	4	11
6	2	2	2	11	7	8
6	2	2	2	10	11	8
6	2	0	4	11	3	6
6	2	0	4	6	14	6
6	1	1	4	7	10	4
6	0	2	4	5	12	2
6	0	1	5	2	11	1

P W D L F A PT

P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
6	5	1	0	16	6	16
6	4	1	1	10	4	13
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6	4	0	2	16	14	12
6	3	1	2	14	9	10
6	2	0	4	10	12	6
6	2	0	4	11	3	6
6	1	1	4	4	10	4
6	1	1	1	5	17	4
6	1	0	5	4	10	3

Seniors

STATE SOUTH EAST 2

Reserves

Doncaster Rovers 0 Eastern Lions 0, Frankston Pines 2 (J Wood PM Ferguson) Southern Suburbs 1 (G Petrovic), Casey Comets 1 (J McEvoy) Dandenong City 0, Berwick City 0, Southern Stars 2 (B Sakaci 2), Diamond Valley Utd 1 (A Giuliano) Heatherton Utd 0, Morwell Pegasus 2 (P Byrne H Ross-Schultz) Knox City 0

Doncaster Rovers 0 Eastern Lions 1, Frankston Pines 2 (J Wood PM Ferguson) Southern Suburbs 1, Casey Comets 2 Dandenong City 0, Berwick City 0, Southern Stars 3, Diamond Valley Utd 0 Heatherton Utd 2, Morwell Pegasus 2 Knox City 0

P W D L F A PT

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6	5	0	1	22	8	15
6	4	1	1	10	5	13
6	4	0	2	23	8	12
6	4	0	2	19	9	12
6	3	0	3	11	9	10
6	2	3	1	6	5	9
6	2	2	2	7	9	8
6	2	1	3	7	8	7
6	1	2	3	9	12	5
6	1	1	4	4	8	4
6	0	2	3	1	6	2
6	0	1	4	6	12	1

P W D L F A PT

P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
6	5	1	0	17	5	15
6	4	1	1	14	8	13
5	4	0	1	12	6	12
6	3	1	2			



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Round 3



It just gets better and better!

By Adam Husseini

Fitzroy FC 7 vs. 3 Mickleham

Round three commenced with a gigantic tussle between Fitzroy FC & new kids on the block Mickleham FC. Fitzroy had arrived with too much time before kick off and started poorly & lethargic. Mickleham's hasty rush to the game, worked to their advantage and saw them play a fast & furious tempo from the get go. They forced Fitzroy into numerous mistakes early on and could've punished the top of the table team. Fitzroy had chances of their own with Husseini, Minopolous & Polattti all guilty of missing chances. Mickleham's brave resistance wore off towards the end of the first half and they went into the break 3-1 down. They played the entire game without a sub, this was their downfall as they ran out of huff and puff in the second half as Minopolous ran riot with a hat trick and Fitzroy pulled away at a crucial stage in the game as they did last week and now have won 3 from 3.

FC Essendon 3 vs. 1 Albert Park

The 09 Champions FC Essendon took on a confident Albert Park after they dismantled Brimbank the week prior. Essendon dictated play from the start, and looked to impose themselves on a physically smaller Albert Park. Alexander Stevanovic (FCE) & Zoran Matic (APFC) had locked horns in 5 encounters in the previous two seasons and this was always going to be a game of tactics and wit. Essendon were rewarded for taking their chances and went into the break 2-0 to the good, they scored a third soon after half time and looked in cruise control, even after Albert Park had hit the post no less than 4 times, Subic was amazing in goals for Essendon, as was Chen for Albert Park. Albert Parks star performer last week Henry Fernandez hit a consolation halfway through the second half, but Essendon never looked like losing and held on for the second win of the season.

FC Carlton 3 vs. 9 Ashburton

Akal Abdullatif was in scintillating form for Ashburton scoring five goals in this prime time clash. FC Carlton have been in all sorts the previous two weeks but looked to have finally got their act together with a solid hearty performance. Supported by former talisman Hamid Hassinakho (still a North Melbourne player) from behind the bench Carlton rallied and mounted an early threat. They were two goals to the good, one a screamer from the defensive half of the court against a bamboozled Prosic in the Ashburton goal. Ashburton rallied and snatched a 3-2 lead before half time, turning the screw in the second half pressing all over the court. Ashburton were Deserved 9-3 winners in the end &



FC Essendon's Lubermir Erakovic sinks any hope of an Albert Park victory

look like the side to beat this season after backing up their win over champions Pascoe Vale last week.

FC Prahran 6 vs. 4 North Melbourne

A game that will be talked about forever, a contender for match of the season, two contenders for goal of the season & three saves of the season this game had everything! Majestical Maxim Avram led his troops out in a David vs. goliath battle against juggernaut North Melbourne. Everybody was well aware that Futsalroo Fernando De Moreas was going to play in this one, and he was hard to miss covering every inch of the court after Prahran forward Haider Noor (went on to score a hat-trick) shocked the Victoria street stadium with a series of amazing goals and chances. There was this invincible aura about North Melbourne when Fernando plays that was shattered after heroic goalkeeping from Dima Shakanov who received a red card by mistake in amongst all the action! Referees convened and unanimously agreed to reverse the initial decision. Dima was complimented by outstanding performances by Sanjin Lazetic & Clint Mogoai in defence. Prahran played with a heart and vigor never seen before. Don't be mistaken, North were far from short of players this week after recruiting Brazilian sensation Junior Melo from Ashburton FC and recalling Kui Mu & Adam Cooper. Prahran sat nervously on 5 fouls for the final 8 minutes, and Lazetic fouled to send Fernando to the spot, the last person any goal keeper would want to face, but as he'd done all game, Dima saved and put Prahran in V-League history in what was nothing short of an epic.

Brimbank FC 3 vs. 5 Pascoe Vale FC

Promoted Brimbank took on the champions Pascoe Vale after both were recovering from harsh losses last round. Brimbank started in fine form with two early goals, one to Amir Emeti & the other to Alja Karic. Pascoe Vale couldn't believe the situation they'd found themselves in, they were staring down the barrel after being invincible last season. 3-1 down at half time and Brimbank had they're tails up. PVFC goalkeeper Greg Lascaris saved the bacon on countless occasions, as Tomislav Grgic & Marcus Barbosa Junior pinched the points, both scoring vital doubles. Debutant Kamil Gellas was energetic and will only get better. Brimbank need to take their chances and shut the game down to win more games in the LEGEA V-League premiership. Friends, family, players & fans could not leave the venue as yet another mouthwatering clash was about to kick off.

Hume 5 vs. 3 Metropolitan

Frothers (Futsal Oz fans & regulars) hung around for what was actually a 10:50pm kick off. State League champions battled FOZ cup runners up in a gargantuan physical encounter. The big boys hustled and hustled in the last game of the night after watching all the action unfold previously. Nedjet Sahin opened the scoring for Hume with a thumping left foot toe poker right into the top corner. It was an astonishing finish for Nedjet the state leagues top goal scorer as he struggled to score the week earlier. Hume were without superstar Turhan Sumbl for this clash, but it worked to their advantage as they used the ball



Tansel Baser, duel V-LEAGUE Premiership General makes a special appearance to watch newly promoted Hume FC

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Fitzroy FC	3	3	0	1	18	10	8	9
2 Nth Melbourne FC	3	2	0	1	18	9	9	6
3 Ashburton FC	3	2	0	1	16	11	5	6
4 Pascoe Vale FC	3	2	0	1	15	12	3	6
5 FC Essendon	3	2	0	1	10	8	2	6
6 Metropolitan FC	3	1	1	1	12	19	7	4
7 FC Prahran	3	1	1	1	16	15	1	4
8 Albert Park FC	3	1	0	2	13	12	1	3
9 Hume FC	3	1	0	2	13	15	-2	3
10 Brimbank FC	3	1	0	2	14	17	-3	3
11 Mickleham FC	3	1	0	2	10	17	-7	3
12 FC Carlton	3	0	0	3	11	35	-24	0

Round 3 Clashes

May 12

- 6:30 Fitzroy FC v Mickleham FC 7 - 3
- 7:15 FC Essendon v Albert Park FC 3 - 1
- 8:00 FC Carlton v Ashburton FC 3 - 9
- 8:45 FC Prahran v Nth Melbourne FC 6 - 4
- 9:30 Brimbank FC v Pascoe Vale FC 3 - 5
- 10:15 Hume FC v Metropolitan FC 5 - 3

Round 4 Clashes

May 19

- 6:30 Fitzroy FC v Albert Park FC
- 7:15 Metropolitan FC v Mickleham FC
- 8:00 FC Essendon v Brimbank FC
- 8:45 FC Prahran v Ashburton FC
- 9:30 FC Carlton v Pascoe Vale FC
- 10:15 Hume FC v Nth Melbourne FC

Top Scorers

- 1.A.Redzepovic MFC 7 goals
- 2.H.Noor FCP 7 goals
- 3.V.Mazurskiy BFC 7 goals
- 4.D.Redzepovic MFC 6 goals
- 5.E.Simsek PVFC 6 goals



effectively and weren't as direct as the previous two weeks. Metropolitan huffed & puffed but couldn't beat Jesse Goodwin the Hume Goalkeeper. Hume went in 3-2 up at half time, and were fired up storming into the second half. Husmir Ikanovic was sent off for Metro for a second bookable offence as time ran out for the blue/white striped outfit. Hume sat on 5 fouls for the last 6 minutes of this one, Metro were awarded a crucial game changing penalty with three minutes to go that Avdic blasted over, it was pivotal as Metro were awarded a second right on the full time buzzer that Alia scuffed, had they converted both it may have finished 5-5 all.

Bring on Round 4

Starts 6:30 Wed May 19 at 407 Victoria St Brunswick. Come down and catch the action live. Free admission!

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MATT MONTGOMERY



Fitzroy's Kargas & Husseini talk tactics before the big Mickleham FC clash



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RICHMOND EAGLES



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BENTLEIGH GREENS



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Match Details:

Richmond: S.Gal, E.Karahan, M.Ferrante, D.Tsiaras (A.Viola 80'), J.Krncevic (M.Lujic 70'), D.Visevic (P.Sawan 90'), D.Scullion, A.Kovacic, M.Catalano, T.Millardovic, S.Topalovic.

Goals: Visevic 35' Lujic 90'

Yellow Cards: Milardovic 27' Ferrante 88'

Red Cards: None

Bentleigh Greens: C.Henry, G.Stavridis, C.Smart, S. De Vito (L.Fitzpatrick 73'), C.Anthopoulos, A.Rojas, A.Fadljevic (C.Metcalf 80'), J.Webster, J.Sapazovski, D.Piemonte, D.Lokvancic (D.Alilovic 80').

Goal: Fadljevic 18'

Yellow Cards: Piemonte 33' Stavridis 47' De Vito 53' Fadljevic 77'

Red Cards: None



Milos Lujic scores the winner to secure all three points for the eagles
PHOTO: ANITA MILAS

Eagles rock Greens

By Mark Boric

The only VPL game in the first half of the weekend saw Richmond host Bentleigh Greens on Friday night.

Richmond, coming off wins against South Melbourne and Altona Magic, brought Michael Ferrante back into their starting line-up after his recovery from a back injury. Bentleigh, who's own two game winning run had come to a crushing end with a 1-5 loss at home to Hume City, were still without first choice keeper Peter Gavalas. He was joined on the sidelines by Tony Ouliaris. Adam Fadljevic, George Stavridis and Con Anthopoulos all came back into the starting line-up for the date with the high flying Eagles.

The game began at a quick pace, but chances on goal were limited. Neither side assumed control early on, but in the twelfth minute the stalemate should have been broken when Jesse Krnecvic broke free down the right and sent in a great cross from which David Scullion put his free header over the crossbar at the far post. Johnny Spazovski shot high from twenty-two yards shortly after as the action heated up.

In the eighteenth minute it was the visitors who opened the scoring. Dean Piemonte picked up the ball on the left and found Sapazovski, who held off a defender and flicked the ball on to Fadljevic, who was through one-on-one with Stjepan Gal. Fadljevic carried the ball deep into the penalty area before slipping it past Gal to give the Greens an early lead.

A free kick taken by Ferrante in the twenty-fifth minute from wide on the left saw Antun Kovacic collide with Greens keeper Clifford Henry as they vied for the ball, which rebounded off Kovacic wide of the post for a goal kick. Two minutes later Fadljevic shot wide across goal from outside the area, before Sapazovski blazed over the goal on the left



Daniel Visevic smashes the ball into the roof of the net to level the scores for the Eagles. PHOTO: ANITA MILAS

following a swift counter attack. Erhan Karahan made a good run forward for the Eagles but took a wild shot when latching onto a flick from Scullion.

Scullion had been involved in Richmond's best attacking moves, and in the thirty-fifth minute he supplied the cross which drew his side level. The ball from wide on the left saw Krnecvic's header from eight yards blocked, the ball falling into the path of Daniel Visevic who gratefully smashed it into the roof of the net.

Bentleigh almost drew ahead a minute later as a cross eluded everyone at the far post before being cleared. Just before half-time an over-hit corner from Ferrante saw the Greens quickly counter, Damir Lokvancic shooting wide after cutting in from the left. Scores were level at the interval, with Bentleigh left ruing letting the lead slip after probably having the better of the half.

Stavridis picked up a yellow card in the forty-seventh minute, diving in on Karahan as he knocked the ball up the line for Scullion. Advantage was played by referee Peter Chapman and the cross was cleared before he went back to issue the booking. Two minutes later Henry dropped a free kick by Steven Topalovic from the halfway line on the right, but his defence managed to cover and clear. Another card was issued in the fifty-third minute, as Sammy De Vito brought down Krnecvic on the halfway line.

Shortly after Lokvancic shot over the bar from the left after a sharp turn made himself some space. Henry denied Scullion in a one-on-one situation in the sixty-fourth minute after an inside ball from Visevic. The action had lifted a few notches from the first half and the game was very open, both sides often losing

their shape as they charged forward.

A foul on Scullion at the edge of the box saw Ferrante curl a free kick just wide from the left of goal. Fadljevic was booking for failing to retreat at a free kick before coming off for Dennis Alilovic, as both sides started to turn to their benches. In the eighty-second minute a cross from Piemonte saw Alilovic just fail to meet the ball at the far post, despite a desperate lunge.

Ferrante went into the referee's book as he continued to complain after being fouled. His free kick was deflected wide of the post for a corner. Richmond were finishing strongly, and last week's hero Milos Lujic put them ahead in the ninetieth minute. It began when Scullion sent Ferrante away in the left corner with ball behind the defence. Ferrante hooked the ball back from the line to Lujic who headed down past Henry from six yards.

The game was not over yet, and in six minutes of stoppage time Richmond could have extended their lead. A cross from Michael Catalano on the left was volleyed by Visevic at Henry, with Visevic putting the rebound over the bar from close range. Substitute Andrew Viola broke through the middle, forced wide before having a shot cleared off the line. When the final whistle followed, it was the Eagles hailing their super sub Lujic for the winner for the second time in a week.

Richmond will have to wait a week to carry the momentum of three wins in a row any further, as their Round Twelve clash with Northcote City has been moved back to June 12 with the New Zealand national team taking over John Cain Reserve in preparation for the World Cup send-off game with the Socceroos. Richmond will next play away at

Green Gully in Round Thirteen. Bentleigh have another big game against a Finals contender when they host Oakleigh Cannons in a local derby at Kingston Heath on Friday night.



The Greens celebrate their early goal through Adam Fadljevic.
PHOTO: ANITA MILAS

ALTONA MAGIC



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OAKLEIGH CANNONS



3

Match Details:

Apologies, but the information was not available at the time of going to press.

Ed.

Cannons' Magic Karpeh Ride

By George Stogiannou

Cannons players Nick Kalmar and Michael Curcija must have had mixed feelings on their return to Paisley Park following Oakleigh's 3-0 win over Altona Magic.

The result left their former club and reigning Premier, languishing on the bottom whilst their current club sits at the head of the table at the half way mark of the season. Curcija scored late in the game to seal the result against his former club after fellow striker Jerry Karpeh's brace set the Cannons well on the way to victory.

In the first half the Cannons controlled possession keeping the home team on the defensive. The Cannons were unable to convert possession into goals, and the closest they got was to rattle the Magic crossbar. The home team showed more attacking endeavour in the second half, growing in confidence as the half developed, and enjoying a good attacking spell which could have easily bore fruit had it not been for Oakleigh keeper, McMaster's save in a one on one. Almost immediately after, two defensive lapses at the other end allowed the in form Cannons striker Jerry Karpeh through on goal to deliver what, Magic coach Sash Beccinovski later described as a sucker punch, or in this case, a couple of sucker punches.

With two goals in arrears, the home team chased the game only to be caught out by a counter-attack culminating in Curcija's goal late in the match against his former club.

After the match, Magic coach Sash Beccinovski commented, "The guys are definitely trying but sometimes the lapse in concentration will cost you the game against quality sides like Oakleigh and Richmond. We're sort of holding these teams arr the top for one half, then go to sleep in the second half... There have been some positives but I guess at the moment we're looking at the negatives. Everyone's a bit worried about the situation. I believe it's about depth n the team. We don't have the strong depth at the moment. It's something we'll have to work on in the next couple of weeks in the transfer window."

Cannons coach John Anastasiadis is keeping a level head about his team's progress this season. " It's only half way, isn't it? It's only half a game, still another half to go. It's a vast improvement over last season when we only had 13-4 points first half of the season. We're pretty happy with that, but in saying that, we've still got another half to go. You know, when you're on top everyone wants to knock you off, so we have to be at our best at all times."



Magic keeper Tomi Tomic collects the cross as Jerry Karpeh lurks behind in anticipation, like all good strikers should. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS



VPL action between the Magic and the Cannons at Paisley Park yesterday.
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The Magic defence rise high to win the dual with Jerry Karpeh on this occasion, but the Cannons front man had the last laugh at the final whistle. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS



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HUME CITY



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NORTHCOTE CITY



2

Match Details:

Hume City:
1-L. Acevski, 3- F. Delitzia, 6-S. Pir, 11-A. Vlahos, 20-M. Bo-sevski, 16-T. Baser, 8-F. Opazo, 9-T. Sumbul, 4-A. Behich, 10-R. Cardozo(D. Delic 90'), 15-Z. Petrevski

Subs not used: E. Kaya, M. Karakilic, R. Thompson, M. Roza

Goal Scorers: 3- F. Delitzia 36', 4-A. Behich 82'

Northcote City
22-C. Petropoulos, 16-P. Savio, 2-A. Chiappetta, 5-G. Papadopoulos, 11-H. Kinigopoulos, 6-N. Curtis(J. Voulgaris 71'), 14-E. Soares, 20-N. Tzoulis(J. Kalifatidis 78'), 3-B. Norton, 8-M. McGough, 9-T. Rixon
Subs not used: N. Gountaras, A. Jankovski

Goal Scorers: 9-T. Rixon 13'; J. Kalifatidis 90'

Final score: 2-2

Crowd: 550
Man of Match: 3- F. Delitzia (Hume City)

Blues hold high flying Hume

By Tugrul Ozdemir

Hume City has failed to take all 3 points at home, after Northcote City scored in extra time and grinded out a result.

Hume came into this encounter with several key players out, but there was no excuse for Hume not taking all 3 points as they are major contenders to win the league.

The game started off with a slow tempo as both teams were trying to find their feet, but after 15 minutes Trent Rixon created something out of nothing and put his team 1 nil up.

First Trent took his free kick which the wall blocked, but the Hume defence got caught knapping as Trent received a lobbed pace and was put through one on one with the keeper and slotted the ball into the back of the net.

With the fans stunned and with Hume City's head down, they almost copped another goal with Eddie Soares volley going just wide.

After this point Hume got themselves together and started to dominate play and had Northcote on the back foot.

Hume's first attack on goal came on the 20th minute mark as Turhan Sumbul and Aziz Behich forced Chris Petropoulos into 2 decent saves.

Minutes later Andy Vlahos's creativity provided Zoran Petrevski with a lobbed pass, but his shot hit the crossbar and went out.

Aziz Behich was involved again as he received along diagonal ball from Mitch Bo-sevski, controlled it, cut back onto his left foot and from the corner of the 18 yard box he hit side netting.

Hume city were finally rewarded for their efforts on the 36 minute mark.

Richie Cardozo took the corner and with a mixture of good positioning and bad defending the ball bounced inside the 6 yard box and was met by Fabio Delitzia at the back post and he levelled the scores.

Northcote were starting to crack in defence and the almost fell behind as Richie Cardozo's cross found Fabio Delitzia at the back post and with a towering header, Chris Petropoulos tipped the ball onto the crossbar and the ball got cleared away, which left the halftime scores at 1-1.

In the 2nd half Northcote had one objective and that was to slow the game down and not give the Hume players any comfort. Their plan was going ahead until Andy Vlahos's touch and experience allowed him too turn his defender, but had his shot blocked by the keeper.

Hume were pressing and going forward with numbers and halfway through the 2nd half they almost got the advantage. Richie Cardozo had his shot parried into the path of Aziz Behich but again Chris Petropoulos was alert and blocked the shot.

Finally after all their constant pressure Hume was rewarded with their 2nd goal.

Turhan Sumbul started the attack putting through Andy Vlahos and his low cross was met by Aziz Behich on the volley and he put his team 2-1 up.

With minutes remaining Zoran Petrevski had the chance to put the icing on the cake, after Aziz Behich set him up with an open goal but Chris Petropoulos was quick enough to get back and save the shot and give his team hope of grinning out a result.

And grinning out was what they did after a mix up in defence a through ball from Jonathan Voulgaris set up James Kalifatidis one on one with the keeper and he was smart enough to beat the Lou Acevski and level the scores.

Hume City tried to get a third goal but Northcote held on and that left the final score at 2-2.

Next week both teams have home games as Hume City plays Green Gully and Northcote City play against Oakleigh Cannons.



Hume's Tansel Baser remonstrates to the referee.
PHOTO: PETER PSARROS



Trent Rixon turns away after scoring the first goal for Northcote City. PHOTO: PETER PSARROS

SOUTH MELBOURNE



3

SUNSHINE GEORGIES



1

Match Details:

South Melbourne:
 Peter Zois, Rhodri Payne, Steve O'Dor, Eddie Cetkin, Joe Keenan (Sebastian Petrovic 80'), Carl Recchia, Gianni De Nittis (Yusuf Yusuf 69'), Rama Tavancioglu, Joseph Youssef, Marinos Gasparis, Fernando De Moraes
 (Scorers: Marinos Gasparis 44', Joe Keenan 70', Yusuf Yusuf 90')

Sunshine George Cross:
 Martin John, Matthew Cini, Fidell Richards, Andrew Nabuut, Christos Konstas, Douglas Cameron, Stuart Nicholson, Evan Christodoulou, Ben Cogger, Barry Devlin, David Calleja
Substitutes: George Papadopoulos, Daniel Sweeney, Luke Grounds, James Blackburn, Cameron Salik
Scorer: Stuart Nicholson 74'

Man of the Match: Marinos Gasparis (South Melbourne FC)

Venue: John Cain Memorial Park
Date: Sunday 16 May 2010
Crowd: 1,000

South returns to winner's list

By John Kyrou

South Melbourne FC consolidated its position in the top four of the Victorian Premier League with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Sunshine George Cross on Sunday afternoon at John Cain Memorial Park. The win has come at exactly the right time following two consecutive League defeats and in the final League game before the squad flies to Singapore to face Gombak United in the first round of the Singapore Cup.

South started the match very positively and was unlucky not to open the scoring in the opening stages of the first half. Gianni De Nittis had a goal-bound header saved magnificently by George Cross goalkeeper Martin John. Moments later, a Rhodri Payne cut-back from the left found De Nittis unmarked at the back post. With John scrambling across his goal to block, De Nittis went for power instead of placement and his shot flew over the bar.

Despite these misses, it was only a matter of time before the home side opened the scoring and South eventually did just before halftime. Marinos Gasparis received the ball at the edge of the box on the left side of the field and his excellent first touch set him up to hit a curling shot across John's goal and into the top far corner. The goal was just reward for the home side, who had played excellent football in the first half but had not been rewarded on the score board up until that point.

After the break, South continued to enjoy large amounts of possession but couldn't score a second goal to kill the game off. With twenty minutes to go, the lead was doubled when South broke up a Sunshine move forward and counter-attacked.

tacked swiftly. Fernando De Moraes fed Joe Keenan with a delightful through-ball and the Englishman calmly placed the ball past John for his second League goal this season as well as the second goal for the match.

With a two goal lead established, many thought the afternoon's work was done and that South would see the game through comfortably. However Sunshine's intensity picked up immediately following Keenan's goal and the away side pulled a goal back only minutes later to set up a tense finish. Stuart Nicholson won possession in midfield and he took on the entire South defence as he charged into the area before shooting the ball past Peter Zois, eliminating the South goalkeeper's attempts for a clean sheet.

South were still in control of the match but needed a third goal to ensure the three points. South continued counter-attacking magnificently but could not convert a series of excellent chances created. With the match into injury time and with the home fans screaming at the referee to blow the final whistle, South finally made sure of the points when substitute Yusuf Yusuf scored his first League goal for 2010 when he finished off a shot that was teed up for him by hitting the ball across John and into the far corner.

With the Gombak United match on Wednesday week, South Melbourne FC has moved next week's match against Altona Magic (initially scheduled for May 23) to July 4 and the following week's match against Bentleigh Greens (initially May 28) to June 11. However the team has a practice match against NTC this Wednesday night at Darebin's DISC pitch 3 before the squad flies out to Singapore next Monday evening.



Fernando de Moraes and Joe Keenan are in raptures after putting the Georgies to the sword. PHOTO BY CINDY NITSOS



South Melbourne's Fernando de Moraes with Fidel Richards in hot pursuit.
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George Cross keeper Martin John punches the danger clear.
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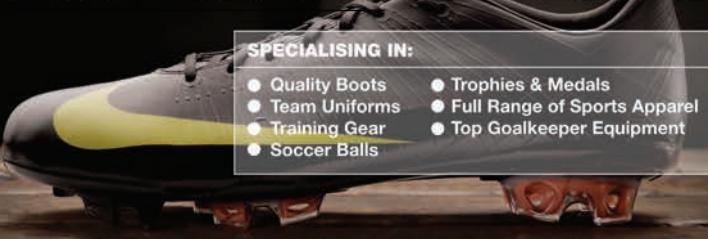
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MELBOURNE KNIGHTS



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GREEN GULLY



1

Match Details:

Melbourne Knights:
 A.Loncaric, B.Surey, A.Bran,
 D.Rocco, D.Cannell, J.Magdic,
 K.Townson, A.Zahra, T.Skara,
 A.Colosimo(R.Filipovic),
 G.Ajdini(J.Colosimo).

Green Gully:
 N.Roganovic, S.Burton,
 M.Medjedovic, D.Jones,
 R.Ollerton, J.Fleming,
 J.Groenewald(G.Wales),
 N.Robinson(G.Hockless),
 M.Sanders(M.Anderson),
 J.Munoz, A.Vargas.

Man of the Match: Nikola Roganovic (Green Gully)

Crowd: 1500

Melbourne Knights: 0
Goals: N/A
Yellow Cards: N/A

Green Gully: 1
Goals: Jonathan Munoz '73
Yellow Cards: Jeffrey Fleming

Gully Train Back On Track

By Markian Jaworsky

The timely Green Gully Cavaliers welcomed back Ian Dobson to the club in a technical director's role, as well as earning their first win in four weeks away to the Melbourne Knights. The three points propels Gully 6 points clear of the relegation zone, and 2 points short of the top five at the midway point of the season.

In a goalless first half, arguably the Melbourne Knights looked most dangerous thanks to the efforts of the speedy Adrian Zahra in midfield and Kevin Townson up forward. Gully goalkeeper had to fingertip a Zahra strike on goal at fullstretch just around the post midway through the first 45 minutes that didn't have too many outstanding highlights.

In the second half the game swung in the favour of the visitors. The introduction of Gary Wales up forward and Graham Hockless in midfield provided both drive and a target man for the Cavaliers to attack the Knights goal. On 72 minutes, Hockless found Matthew Sanders whose short run and through ball setup left winger Jonathan Munoz for his second goal in two games. The passionate midfielder kissed the club badge on his shirt before running to the bench to celebrate with some high fives with his coaching staff.

The Cavaliers did find one more opportunity to seal their win, however despite Hockless doing well to find Andy Vargas with a delicate cross, Vargas' header just went the wrong



Green Gully's Jonathan Munoz reels away after grabbing the winning goal and handing Ian Dobson his first win back in charge. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK

side of the Knights post. In the closing stages of the match, Gully goalkeeper Nikola Roganovic put his body on the line and was quick off his line to collect loose Knights attacking through balls.

With the transfer window opening on Monday, the Green Gully Cavaliers are set to strengthen their squad with

two players from New Zealand and one player from England. Speaking after the match, goalkeeper Nikola Roganovic was delighted to earn his second clean sheet for the season. "The coach (Paul Harris) has given me a bit of stick about keeping a clean sheet, and now that I have done that, I will be sleeping very well tonight."

The Melbourne Knights later played out an NSL Championship Re-Union Match, between their 1994/95 team and their 1995/96 team.

In the Under 21's, Green Gully lost a thrilling encounter to the Melbourne Knights by 3 goals to 2 in the final minute.



Goalmouth action between Green Gully and Melbourne Knights yesterday. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK

HEIDELBERG UNITED



3

DANDENONG THUNDER



2

Heidelberg United: Steve TILOVSKI (GK), John LAZARIDIS, Sayeedreza HOSSAINI (Luke BYLES 84'), Yanni GALANOS, Mrvoje MATKOVIC (Les DOUMBALIS 90'), Josip KOSIC, Hamid BASMA (Adilson ANDRADE DEL MELO 65'), Craig ELVIN, Steve MARTIN, Osagie EDERARO, Saso ALEXOVSKI
Unused subs: Yared HAILE-MELKOT, Christian MORALES
Yellow Cards: Hrvoje MATKOVIC 65'
Goals: Steve MARTIN 7', 63', Osagie EDERARO 85'

Dandenong Thunder: Stuart WEBSTER (GK), Levent OS-MAN, Veton KORCAREVSKI (Afrim AVDULAI 73'), Jospeh DI IORIO (Hamlet ARMENIAN 73'), Shane REXHEPI, Aron WILFORD, Noel BAHNSEN (Andrew BOURAKIS 65'), Ryan DAVIDSON, Jeffrey BRIGHT, Ibraim IBRAIMI, Scott BULLICH
Unused subs: Murat ABAZI, Daniel NEESHAM
Yellow Cards: Aron WILFORD 87'
Goals: Scott BULLICH 14', Noel BAHNSEN 41'

Bergers strike Thunder!

By Liam Coventry-Poole

A Steve Martin double has helped Heidelberg onto to their second win of the season, taking them from the bottom of the ladder. Heidelberg scored two second half goals, to come from behind with a dramatic late winner to Osagie Ederaro.

Dandenong had the first real chance of the match, when a miss-hit Ryan Davidson cross almost found itself in the top corner of the net, only to be denied by the finger tips of Steve Tilovski.

Stuart Webster had a nervous moment at the other end when a Josip Kosic shot found its way through his gloves, luckily for him, hitting the post and going out for a corner.

The first goal came for United in the 17th minute, when an unmarked Steve Martin finished with a diving header at the back post, courtesy of a deep Hrvoje Matkovic corner.

It didn't take long a Dandenong reply when Jeffrey Bright was fouled in the penalty area while in on goal. Scott Bullich had no problem putting away the penalty, putting it down the centre of the goal.

Heidelberg began to get on top, controlling the ball in midfield and pushing the territory count in their favour. However, even with all their territory dominance United struggled to get past Noel Bahnsen and Aron Wilford, who were both exceptional in the first half for the Thunder. Heidelberg began to look dangerous from set pieces, with two half chances for Sayeedreza Hossaini within minutes of each other.

Heidelberg were pressuring the ball carriers for Dandenong and causing a lot of turnovers in midfield, creating some potentially dangerous counter attacks, which eventually came of nothing, as danger man Jospeh Di Iorio struggled to make an impact on the first half.

Josip Kosic found himself with a lot of time outside the box after a Osagie Ederaro cross found its way to Kosic's feet. Kosic's shot went just wide.

Dandenong punished United, when Noel Bahnsen did what Kosic failed to do at the other end and smashed the ball into the back of the net from a similar position, with the Thunder taking the lead just



The Thunder were off to a promising start, but it was the Bergers who roared home with the points in the end.
PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS

minutes before half time.

After half time Matkovic almost assisted Di Iorio with a goal after an embarrassing moment in defence, when his pass back to Steve Martin was too heavy, with Di Iorio finding himself one out with Tilovski. Tilovski did well at feet, preventing Di Iorio from pulling the trigger.

In the 50th minute Hamid Basma found himself one out with Stuart Webster on a tight angle, with Webster saving the attempt with a good dive to the near post. Di Iorio had a good chance in the 58th minute, after Veton a Korcarevski ball found his right foot, with the strike just going inches wide.

Scott Bullich had one the best chances of the match, when he found himself only

metres out from goal, with a left foot volley from close range, which failed to hit the target.

Two minutes later Steve Martin had a direct free kick about 25 yards out from goal. Martin's freekick was hit perfectly, finding the top corner of the net, with a definite contender for the goal of the year.

In the 64th minute the game was brought to a halt when a Hrvoje Matkovic tackle cost him a yellow card and saw goal scorer Noel Bahnsen stretchered from the park. Heidelberg were playing for the win, continuously attacking the box with a number of balls from the right. Osagie Ederaro began to look dangerous on the right, finding his way into the box and forcing Webster

off his line, the resulting scramble gave Saso Alexovski the chance to score into an open net, but his shot was blocked. Heidelberg continued their late surge, with Di Iorio and Bahnsen both off the ground, Dandenong began to turn to long balls which weren't paying off.

The winner came in the 85th minute courtesy of Ederaro's head. Another set piece paid off for United, with the Matkovic corner finding Ederaro at the near post for a dramatic finish to the match.

Next Sunday Heidelberg face off against Sunshine George Cross at Olympic Village, while Dandenong are away at Knights stadium on Sunday to Melbourne.



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh Cannons	11	7	2	2	20	11	23
Richmond	11	7	1	3	20	14	22
Hume City	11	7	2	2	24	18	20
South Melbourne	11	5	3	3	20	15	18
Sunshine George Cros	11	4	3	4	13	16	15
Northcote City	11	4	2	5	17	13	14
Bentleigh Greens	10	4	2	4	12	15	14
Dandenong Thunder	11	3	2	6	9	19	11
Green Gully Cavaliers	11	4	1	6	13	14	13
Melbourne Knights	11	3	2	6	14	16	8
Heidelberg Utd	10	2	4	4	18	22	7
Altona Magic	11	1	4	6	10	17	7

South Melbourne v N.T.C

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Wed 19 May KO 8:00PM

Bentleigh Greens v Oakleigh Cannons

Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Fri 21 May KO 8:30PM

Hume City v Green Gully Cavaliers

Broadmeadows Valley Park
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Heidelberg Utd v Sunshine Georgies

Olympic Village
Sun 23 May KO 5:00PM

Mلب Knights v Dandenong Thunder

Knights Stadium
Sun 23 May KO 6:00PM

Northcote City v Richmond Eagles

John Cain Memorial Park
Sat 12 Jun KO 3:00PM

South Melbourne v Altona Magic

John Cain Memorial Park
Sun 4 Jul KO 3:00PM

P W D L F A GD Pt

South Melbourne	12	9	2	1	31	16	29
Oakleigh Cannons	11	6	3	2	30	21	21
N.T.C	12	5	5	2	36	21	20
Northcote City	12	6	2	4	32	24	20
Richmond	12	6	2	4	26	20	20
Bentleigh Greens	11	6	0	5	22	19	18
Green Gully Cavaliers	11	4	2	5	16	32	14
Sunshine George Cross	12	4	1	7	20	25	13
Altona Magic	11	3	2	6	10	21	11
Heidelberg Utd	9	4	1	4	14	14	10
Hume City	11	3	3	5	21	23	9
Dandenong Thunder	10	1	3	6	12	26	6
Melbourne Knights	10	1	2	7	10	18	2

VPL Under 21s

Richmond 3 Bentleigh Greens 2,
Hume City 1 Northcote City 3,
South Melbourne 3 Sunshine George Cross 1





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